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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 892-Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – Environmental Justice Funding

Dear Delegates,

We oppose HB 892 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

Twenty million dollars is a LOT OF MONEY by which to increase the budget for flood programs. Yet another tax increase to saddle the people with in the coming years.

We believe that local county and city government population density and building laws need be modified to allow for less density, and more natural open space which creates areas where runoff from rainfall can be slowed down and absorbed by natural processes.

The flooding in Ellicott City, MD is a prime example of overdevelopment which led to excessive runoff and massive flooding of the town, displacing businesses and residents alike.

Let's create a long-term solution to the flooding rather than continue high density development which exacerbates the problem. Hold the local, county and city governments to account and restrict the densities of construction. Then we don't have to bail them out when an emergency occurs.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers