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Delegate Marc Korman
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## House Bill 1101: Standing – Environmental and Natural Resources Protection Proceedings (Clean Water Justice Act of 2024)

Dear Delegate Korman,

The Friends of The Jones Falls (FJTF) is a 350+ member, volunteer-based organization incorporated in 2018, to support and sustain the quality of life and long-term stewardship of the Jones Falls from the headwaters in Caves Valley, Baltimore County to the Inner Harbor, Baltimore City. We are writing to express our support for House Bill 1101 concerning: Standing – Environmental and Natural Resources Protection Proceedings (Clean Water Justice Act of 2024).

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision of Sackett vs. EPA has stripped Marylanders of the right to enforce the Clean Water Act with respect to certain waterways. The FJF is very involved with helping to improve the water quality of the Jones Falls in Baltimore County and Baltimore City as well as the Chesapeake Bay. Passage of this bill will allow us to continue to take proactive roles in safeguarding our waterways and communities.

We urge your strong support for House Bill 1101.

Sincerely,

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