

Vote NO on CB52-2015

Patricia Schuyler [paschuyler@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 12:17 PM

To: CouncilMail

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Lisa Ott [lisamichelsott@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 12:29 PM

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William Fox [wfoxmd7@verizon.net]

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Kurt Schwarz [krschwa1@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 3:33 PM

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Thank you.

Anna Farb

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Gregory Buffaloe [easyman123@verizon.net]

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Howard County Bill 52-2015

Jodi Rose [jodi@interfaithchesapeake.org]

Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 11:12 PM

To: CouncilMail

Attachments: IPC letter to Chair of Cou~1.pdf (189 KB)

Dr. Ball -

Attached please accept electronic testimony in regards to Howard County Bill 52-2015. I will be unable to attend the Jan. 19th hearing, but am grateful that you will accept this testimony electronically.

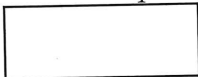
Thank you,

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*"We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work."
Archbishop Oscar Romero, peace activist*





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*Forming Faithful Stewards,
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January 4, 2016

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RE: Howard County Bill 52-2015

Council Chair Dr. Ball:

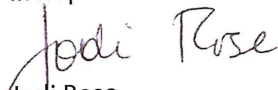
We are writing you to express our opposition to a repeal of the Howard County stormwater fee, Council Bill 52-2015.

As you know, polluted runoff is created when rain falls on manmade surfaces and becomes polluted. We make this pollution in our daily living: by driving our cars, or dropping cigarette butts, or over-applying our salt. By expanding our communities with new shopping centers and schools. We never intend to pollute, but that doesn't mean we're not responsible. God makes the rain, but we make the runoff.

There is a cost to polluted runoff, and one that we must all share fairly. Many congregations throughout Maryland are already rolling up their sleeves and getting to work to reduce their polluted runoff. They understand that we cannot shirk our responsibilities. If nonprofit congregations are willing to carry their fair share of the responsibility, why are so many others passing the buck?

We believe there is a deep connection between caring for the environment and caring for humanity around us, and those yet to come. We appreciate your respectful consideration of these viewpoints in regards to repeal.

In hope for a balanced web of life,


Jodi Rose
Executive Director



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Peter Katan [peterkatan@comcast.net]

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Christine Hilton [cmhilton@verizon.net]

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Frank Lombardi [ftlombardi@aol.com]

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Rachel Hlavay [chlavay@comcast.net]

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Eric Trocher [erictrocher@hotmail.com]

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Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Brenda Weber [brendaweber@cavtel.net]

Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2016 9:26 AM

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Katherine Feldman [kfeldmandvm@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2016 6:37 AM

To: CouncilMail

Dear County Executive Kittleman and Howard County Council:

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