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MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE
FISCAL YEAR 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET HEARING
RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES ANALYSIS

House Appropriations Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
The Honorable Mark S. Chang, Chair
February 24, 2025

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
Senator Craig J. Zucker, Chair
February 25, 2025

We first would like to thank Mr. Samuel Quist and the entire DLS team for their thorough work on the MES Operating and Capital Budgets. They have been fantastic to work with and we greatly appreciate their professionalism and attention to detail throughout the budget development process.

GO Bond Recommended Actions: Approve all authorizations and preauthorizations for the Maryland Environmental Service.

MES Concurs.

State Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Fund: *The fiscal 2026 capital budget includes funding for six projects located in three jurisdictions, including general obligation (GO) bond funding for two projects at State-owned facilities and nonbudgeted funds for four projects at Department of Natural Resources (DNR) facilities.*

Proposed Fiscal 2027 Preauthorization: *The fiscal 2026 capital budget bill includes a proposed preauthorization for fiscal 2027 of \$2.3 million in GO bond funding for the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home (CHVH) – Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Upgrade project. However, a grant application for federal fund support for this project has been submitted, which, if successful, would eliminate the need for fiscal 2027 State funding.*

These are critical improvements to critical facilities at three State parks, the Maryland Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, and the Charlotte Veteran's Home Water Treatment Plant. These projects exemplify the Moore-Miller Administration's commitment to enhance and protect the environment through water and wastewater treatment plant upgrades and the use of green energy and technology. These construction projects will also bring added opportunities for contractors and certified Minority Business Enterprise firms to further stimulate the economy.

We urge the Committee to support fully funding these projects.