



CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH &
PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
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Delegate Kumar Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
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Senator Paul Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
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Dear Chairs Atterbeary, Barve, and Pinsky,

The Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council (CEHPAC) was established in 2000 pursuant to Chapter 585 of the Acts of 2000. CEHPAC advises the Governor and the General Assembly on environmental issues that may pose a threat to children. CEHPAC seeks to identify environmental hazards that may affect children's health and to recommend solutions to those hazards through interdisciplinary problem solving and coalition building.

CEHPAC is aware that the legislature is considering several bills that aim to monitor and improve indoor air quality in schools (HB 665/SB 576, HB 686). In general, CEHPAC supports efforts to improve indoor air quality, including the measurement of carbon dioxide as one tool schools can use to evaluate ventilation. CEHPAC further endorses that funding should be available to allow school systems to carry out those assessments throughout schools. These evaluations should be made available as a matter of public interest.

If there are questions about this request, please contact Mr. Eamon Flynn, Maryland Department of Health (eamon.flynn@maryland.gov). Please note this request is being made on behalf of CEHPAC and is not a request by the Maryland Department of Health or any other State agency.

Sincerely,

Megan Weil Latshaw PhD, Council Member
On behalf of the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council

cc: Clifford S. Mitchell, MS, MD, MPH, Chair, CEHPAC
Devon Dodson, Co-Chair, CEHPAC