

## CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 25, 2022

Senator Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
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Delegate Adrienne Jones Speaker of the House adrienne.jones@house.state.md.us

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones,

We write to ask you to appoint legislators to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council (CEHPAC), which 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 comprises 19 members from a wide range of backgrounds and areas of expertise, including one member of the Senate of Maryland and one member of the House of Delegates. Currently, these two seats are vacant. Many of the issues discussed by CEHPAC involve state laws, regulations, and the legislative process. CEHPAC would greatly benefit from the perspectives of your colleagues in the Senate and House, while serving as a valuable resource on children's environmental health issues. CEHPAC respectfully requests these vacancies be filled as quickly as possible.

If there are questions about this request, please contact Mr. Eamon Flynn, Maryland Department of Health (<a href="mailto:eamon.flynn@maryland.gov">eamon.flynn@maryland.gov</a>). 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,

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On behalf of the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council

cc: Clifford S. Mitchell, MS, MD, MPH

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