



**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND
THE ENVIRONMENT**

SB 526 Natural Resources – Forest Preservation and Retention

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters believes that natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability.

At this time when the devastating effects of climate change are becoming more and more noticeable, it is important to take as many defensive steps as we can. At the state level in Maryland this year that means doing more to improve forest conservation.

Consequently, the League of Women Voters of Maryland urges you issue a favorable report on SB 526.