



## **STATEMENT REGARDING THE APPEAL OF THE FEDERAL STRIKE DOWN OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT**

As a resident of the 10th District, a public health advocate, and a candidate for Baltimore City Council representing the 10th District, I am concerned about the recent news regarding the repeal of the Baltimore Clean Air Act. There are economic, labor, health, legal & regulatory implications as a result of this ruling that have the potential to negatively impact South Baltimore neighborhoods.

This law, as passed by the Baltimore City Council last year, worked to advance environmental justice and public health by addressing air quality issues in South Baltimore by requiring modern emissions requirements. The law has potential to provide an opportunity for residents, business stakeholders, and the City of Baltimore to collectively preserve the health & wellness for all South Baltimore residents by reducing trash production through waste diversion strategies.

Now more than ever, Baltimore City needs the Clean Air Act. As we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, our communities are coming together to support and protect each other through various mutual aid programs. We cannot make our fight against COVID-19 more difficult by worsening the respiratory conditions of our most vulnerable populations. As our communities fight for their lives, I stand with my neighbors by taking necessary actions to strengthen the resiliency of all Baltimoreans to bring all stakeholders together to preserve air quality & reduce emissions.

I fully support an appeal to the federal strike down of the Baltimore Clean Air Act. This is an opportunity to address our waste challenges in Baltimore City, create an actionable waste management plan of execution, create new industries of environmental jobs, and develop sustainable strategies to a cleaner, greener Baltimore City with input from all stakeholders with the common goal to prioritize public health.