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Statement Following President Trump's Executive Order Waiving Environmental Review for Energy and Infrastructure Projects

BALTIMORE, MD (June 5, 2020) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh issued the following statement regarding the Trump Administration's move to waive environmental review for energy and infrastructure projects:

"President Trump has once again signaled his willingness to put corporate interests ahead of the American people. Waiving environmental review of federal actions might put a few more dollars in corporate pockets but it will undoubtedly jeopardize the health and welfare of communities, particularly communities of color and low income communities, across our country. In the midst of the greatest public health crisis our nation has ever faced, and as more and more studies reveal the links between exposure to pollution and COVID-19 mortality, President Trump would do well to remember that environmental health is public health and require more review, not less, of these potentially dangerous projects."