



February 27, 2020

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Support: SB 720 – Regulations Affecting Small Business – Comparable Local Regulations

Dear, Chair Pinsky and Committee Members:

The NAIOP Maryland Chapters represent 700 companies involved in development and ownership of commercial, mixed-use and light industrial real estate.

SB 720 requires that proposed state regulations contain a notice of comparable local regulations and a statement that compliance with the comparable local regulation will be accepted by the state agency as compliance with a state regulation.

Reciprocity could reduce overlap and duplication of regulatory requirements. This kind of coordination between state and local of governments should be considered a basic measure of good governance.

For these reasons, NAIOP respectfully recommends your favorable report on SB 720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T.M. Ballentine". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a faint, light blue rectangular stamp.

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy
NAIOP Maryland Chapters -*The Association for Commercial Real Estate*

cc: Senate EHEA Committee Members
Nick Manis – Manis, Canning Assoc.