

February 27, 2020

Senator Paul G. Pinsky
Chairman Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Pinsky, and Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

The Passive House Pilot Project addresses the opportunity to cultivate and connect meaningful relationships between community members and stakeholders for the well-being of our neighborhoods. Each component of this project, including the innovative workforce training and the passive house building design specifications, are designed to meet a critical commitment to long-term, generative impact. Centering the project on a framework of community-led development ensures residents not only have clear access to participate in this project, but also creates a mechanism for ongoing development to be responsive to residents. To that effect, we're understanding how community land trust (CLT) models can be organized with residents to ensure wealth generated through development is both stewarded by residents and lays a foundation for developing economic stability in the community.

Ultimately, creating perpetual housing affordability, increasing local economic capacity, and strengthening environmental resilience not only enhances the social fabric of our neighborhoods, but also creates resilient networks across the City of Baltimore.

I am honored to write in support for Senate Bill 946, which will fund the Passive House Pilot Project. Thank you for the opportunity to express my sincere testimony, and for the opportunity to create lasting change in our city.

Respectfully,



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