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Dear Chair Barve and Members of the Committee:

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland has voted to offer **favorable** support for HB 0398 Energy Efficiency-Net-Zero Homes- Contract Preferences. This bill is will require the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to applications for certain loans that will use the services of small, minority, women-owned, or veteran-owned businesses for loans under this particular program and other energy efficiency program.

We feel this legislation is important and will help African American owned businesses by ensuring they are given preferences on contracts. For this reason, the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland supports HB 0398.

Respectfully,

Darryl Barnes
Chair, Legislative Black Caucus
of Maryland

Edith Patterson
1st Vice Chair, Legislative Black
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