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Letter in Support of Senate Bill 987/House Bill 1056 – Racing and Community Development Act of 2020

Madam and Mister Chairs and Members of the Committees,

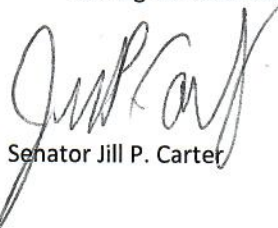
With the passage of Senate Bill 987/House Bill 1056, the Racing and Community Development Act of 2020, the fence will come down around Pimlico Race Track. What is now essentially a vacant property, except for the third weekend in May, will become an attraction for Park Heights, Northwest Baltimore communities, city residents, and countless visitors.

We have reached this point because Baltimore City, the Maryland Jockey Club, and our state's horsemen have partnered to develop a win-win proposal. Our constituents, whom we have turned to for direction and advice, welcome this solution.

For years, our constituents have wanted much more out of the Pimlico property. By the end of this decade, all who call Northwest Baltimore home will look to Pimlico as a source of pride.

To ensure our constituents a role in the decision-making that will transform the asphalt that now surrounds the racetrack into a vibrant community, there will be a community compact. This will give our neighborhoods input into the decision making, which will include Sinai's new outpatient facility, residential housing, athletic fields, and commercial opportunities that promise to bring jobs and entrepreneurship to the residents of the Park Heights community.

We urge a favorable report.


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