



# CITY OF HAYRE DE GRACE

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**William T. Martin**

January 18, 2022

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Mr. Chairman and the Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

**RE: Support - HB 42 – Municipal Incorporation – County Commissioners or County Council – Required Consideration of Referendum Request**

The City of Havre de Grace supports House Bill 42. If passed, the bill would make the process of incorporating more democratic.

The legislation would require the county commissioners or county council to consider a referendum request if a valid petition is presented by 40% of the registered voters who are residents of the area proposed to be incorporated.

It is the position of the City that if it is the people's will to incorporate, they should be able to do so with the least amount of obstacles. If an area takes the time to prepare a petition, the county's legislative branch should consider the petition.

The City of Havre de Grace respectfully requests the committee give HB 42 a favorable report.

William T. Martin  
Mayor, City of Havre de Grace