



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

February 17, 2023

Hon. Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB382 FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Chairperson Feldman & Senator Washington,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Preservation Maryland and our thousands of statewide supporters, I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of SB382** – a piece of legislation that has the opportunity to support and invest in our state's history and communities.

Preservation Maryland is the statewide voice for historic preservation that works to protect the best of Maryland. Since 1931, we have worked tirelessly to protect the places, stories, and communities in Maryland that matter. (Learn more at: presmd.org)

Preservation Maryland is supportive of the bill which has the potential to positively impact historic communities and address the critical need for housing across our state. We believe ADUs have the potential to be deployed with great success in historic communities, and as a result, we respectfully suggest a simple amendment that would provide for a representative of the historic preservation community on the commission. This addition would provide an opportunity for the preservation community to provide valuable input and develop best practices for ADUs in historic communities which would accelerate their deployment.

SB382 is an innovative way of increasing the density of historic neighborhoods to allow for more preservation of historic assets and support communities across the state without sacrificing historic structures. Therefore, I respectfully urge a favorable report on SB382 with our suggested amendment.

Favorable with Amendments

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Redding, President & CEO