



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

**EVAN GLASS**  
PRESIDENT

TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
Environment & Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Position: Support HB60**

Chair Barve,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony and for your leadership on housing issues statewide.

Housing — and more specifically — affordable housing, remains a challenge for residents in Maryland and across our region. A 2019 Washington Council of Government Report calls for 320,000 housing units to be built in the region between 2020 and 2030, including 47,500 new homes in Montgomery County. The University of Maryland's National Center for Smart Growth and Enterprise Community Partners says Maryland must add thousands more housing units by 2030 to accommodate a swelling population of low-income residents, while also meeting unmet demand from moderate-income residents, seniors and people with disabilities.

These rapidly increasing housing demands require innovative and non-traditional approaches to funding, development, construction, lending and zoning. By establishing the Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund, HB 60 will create funding opportunities for social housing models that include much needed mixed-income subsidized housing across the state of Maryland. This legislation also allows for matching funds by local housing authorities to be used in the construction of this type of housing.

In order to have more housing that is affordable, we must build more housing. I urge the Committee to support HB 60 and help support the housing needs of all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

Evan Glass  
Councilmember, At-Large  
Montgomery County Council