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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251 House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB0190 Housing and Community Development - Homeowner's Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program

Dear Chair Barve and Committee Members:

The College Park City Council voted unanimously during our meeting on January 31, 2023 to support HB0190 to establish the Homeowner's Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program. This program will assist homeowners prepare and repair residential properties to mitigate water damage caused by extreme weather. Our residents have suffered from extreme weather and even when utility companies are at fault this expensive process time-consuming and often insufficient to cover the actual damages. Funds from this program will likely reduce the actual damages because of the mitigation work, and will make it easier for residents to repair damages that do occur.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's position.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wojahn

Mayor

cc: 21st District Delegation