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My name is Francis Taylor. I am writing in opposition to HB 166 as proposed. I am President of the North Point Peninsula Council that has been representing our community for 52 years. More than ever, it is critical to have verifiable evidence that a Community Association legitimately represents the community. The language “ other organization” pg. 1 line 21 is too broad a term that lacks and needs definition. We currently meet the requirements of the existing bill but recognize the challenges other legitimate associations might have meeting this goal. Pg. 1 line 22. It is imperative that Community associations have a verifiable membership. pg.2 line 6 Dues are the way that the residents participate and passively support the organization. It is not enough for an organization to say, without putting any effort or outreach, that they represent the community. Again pg. 2 line 20 lists “other organization”. Needs defined. A group of 2 or more associations is a coordinating council not a community association. pg. 2 line 23. If it is comprised of Community Associations outside the required boundaries. It, in itself, is not a Community Association as defined in the bylaws and charters of the individual associations. In addition, Baltimore County is a vital partner to Community Associations and their acknowledgment that an organization is legitimate is a critical tool used by community Associations and citizens. pg 2 line 14. It is important to keep this requirement. Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. Community Associations are focused on a broad number of issues in their respective communities and I can’t stress enough, now more than ever, verifiability of community support and participation. Mechanisms are in place for dealing with nuisance properties. Please don’t weaken the requirements for existing legitimate community associations.

Community associations are focused on many, many community issues.

Community signs, cleanups, air pollution issues, dredging issues, traffic, HMI oversight, development oversight and yes nuisance issues. We recently donated to a National Historic landmark in the community, high school scholarship, we pay for community sign electric, insurance and upkeep. In addition, police, volunteer fire station and food pantry have traditionally supported.

- Support private profit from public lands, public use of public lands