

Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and members of the Environment & Transportation Committee,

I am submitting written testimony in support of HB 60, Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund – Establishment.

As an Alderman in Annapolis, I see first hand how the housing crisis is hurting the residents of my Ward. HB 60 will give the City of Annapolis, and other jurisdictions as well, incentives to provide quality public housing to our most vulnerable residents. Currently our Housing Authority lacks funding to make substantial repairs of dilapidated units and build new units. As a result, there are long wait lists for housing, and long wait times for units past their prime. With these extra funds and incentives we could revitalize our public housing communities and make such a positive change in the lives of our residents.

Please give this bill a favorable recommendation.

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