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BILL NO.: **HB 190**

TITLE: **Housing and Community Development – Homeowner’s
Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program**

SPONSOR: **Delegate Ivey**

COMMITTEE: **Environment and Transportation**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: **February 2, 2023**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** HB 190 – Housing and Community Development – Homeowner’s Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program. This legislation would establish a grant program to assist in mitigating water damage caused by extreme weather.

The effects of climate change have brought higher rates of extreme weather incidents across the State of Maryland. When extreme weather hits, it is often up to local governments to step in and assist home and business owners. The cost of extreme weather mitigation, however, is too high for local jurisdictions to bear alone.

Currently, Baltimore County has a flood proofing grant that is available to residents who have experienced pervasive and repetitive flooding to fortify their homes against future weather events. This grant provides up to \$10,000 to homeowners who are at risk of suffering damage to their homes due to extreme weather. HB 190 would allow the County to offer \$15,000 to residents in need of flood proofing. This bill would allow for more flexibility for residents to take the necessary precautions to protect their properties.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 190. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.