



**Testimony to the Environment & Transportation Committee
HB 283 – Housing and Community Development – Affordable Housing –
Identifying Suitable Property
Position: Support**

HB 283 would update an existing law that requires DHCD to identify State owned property that could be suitable for the development of affordable housing. The bill would provide more flexibility to DHCD to set the criteria for review and make a determination on which properties may be suitable for affordable housing development. The bill's intent is to clean up existing law to make implementation more practical. MAHC supports the bill and the internal control it will give to DHCD to allow their staff to make these determinations, and we hope it will result in the creation of additional affordable housing units in the near future.

MAHC is the leading organization for the affordable rental housing industry in Maryland and represents over 185 member organizations, including nonprofit and for-profit developers, State and local housing authorities, property management companies, financial institutions, community development organizations, contractors, investors, consultants and individuals.

Respectfully submitted on February 6, 2024 by Miranda Darden-Willems, Executive Director, on behalf of the MAHC Board of Directors.

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