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Testimony of Delegate Samuel Rosenberg
Before the Ways and Means 1416 Committee

In Support of

House Bill 1416

Economic Development - Maryland Stadium Authority –
Creation of Pimlico Site Community Development Plan

Today's bill hearing is the culmination of nearly a decade of study and discussion about Pimlico Race Track and its neighbors.

House Bill 1416, sponsored by myself and my 41st District colleagues, Delegates Dalya Attar and Malcolm Ruff, has two objectives.

As this redevelopment progresses, the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority should continue to consult with the surrounding communities who will be directly affected by what happens on the track site and in the neighborhoods.

That began four years ago with the creation of the Pimlico Compact.

We applaud chair Greg Cross for his personal participation in the Compact and for the formal commitment in Section 6 of House Bill 1524, which expresses the General Assembly's intent that this act is "consistent with the terms set forth" in the Compact.

Redevelopment is already underway in the Park Heights community.

New housing has been built and is under construction on both sides of Park Heights and Woodland Avenues.

A new branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library will have a groundbreaking this year.

HB 1524 provides for investment in workforce housing on and around the track site.

We must also ensure that we invest in the redevelopment of all of Pimlico's neighborhoods.

House Bill 1524 is the vehicle to accomplish these objectives.

I urge a favorable report on HB 1524 and will withdraw HB 1416.

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