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**SB 680 – Real Estate Commission – Continuing Education Requirements -**  
**Alterations**  
**Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza**

Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and my fellow members of the distinguished Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 680 – Real Estate Commission – Continuing Education Requirements - Alterations and ask for a favorable report as amended.

This simple legislation updates the Continuing Education requirements for real estate licensees to reflect current best practices in the industry. Many of Maryland’s statutes relating to real estate continuing education have been updated over time and this bill is meant to remove provisions that have outlived their usefulness and any contradictions that cause confusion among licensees as to their continuing education requirements.

Those changes include:

- Increasing Fair Housing education requirements from 1.5 hours per cycle to 2.0 hours per cycle, which is now the industry standard;
- Clarifying that commercial practitioners will take a course on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act as part of their required coursework;
- Consolidating two separate real estate brokerage relationship class offerings into one course required for all licensees; and
- Establishing a single, uniform standard for certifying course instructors and course outlines.

There is a friendly amendment included in your testimony packet that adds the language “notwithstanding any provision of law”, which is meant to clarify that the authority for course providers to select instructors overrides any conflicting requirements in statute, regulation, or policy.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 680.