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TESTIMONY ON SB#0042 – AVORABLE

**Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and
Planning Policy - Planning Principles**

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0266, Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy - Planning Principles

As a resident of Frederick County, I am very proud that my county has the Livable Frederick plan to guide us in how we manage the growth and development in our county.¹

This bill will facilitate helping other jurisdictions and counties within Maryland to alter the planning visions for local comprehensive planning to consist of certain planning principles. It will further alter the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of certain planning principles letting best practices be implemented. This bill will also require the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by the Act.

It is time for Maryland and all levels of government in the state to use the best possible principles in planning to meet conditions dictated by the critical need to respond to 21st century conditions and problems. This bill offers Maryland a chance to be a national leader in how this can and should and will be accomplished.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#0266.

¹ <https://frederickcountymd.gov/7977/Livable-Frederick-Planning-and-Design>