



Randallstown

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Judiciary Committee
100 Taylor House Office Building
101 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SUPPORT HB 0392, Evidence - Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Fair Housing Testing.

Dear Chair Luke Clippinger , Vice Chair Sandy Bartlett and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The Randallstown NAACP is a 500 member branch located in Baltimore County, Maryland. We have members in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. One of primary focuses is ensuring that all residents, especially Black Marylanders, have access to affordable housing free of discrimination.

In the 1950s, there were many instances of Black families being shut out of white neighborhoods. When a Black family was able to buy in a white neighborhood,

it would typically turn into a blockbuster, which is when real estate agents would bombard white families into selling their homes. They would tell these families property values would collapse because Black families were moving in. Oftentimes, they'd buy houses from white families at market value and then sell them to Black families for above market price. In fact, when Black residents moved in, property values rose. They were willing to pay more than whites were because they were used to discrimination. This bill gives us the needed tools to stop housing discrimination.

The Randallstown NAACP supports HB 0392, Evidence - Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Fair Housing Testing. ***The Randallstown Branch of the NAACP urges a favorable report from the committee on HB 0392.***

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yours

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