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HB0919: Maryland Higher Education Commission - Practical Applications for Real Estate Appraisal (PAREA) Grant Program - Established
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Dear Chair Barnes, Vice-Chair Kaiser, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, I am Delegate Kym Taylor, representing Prince George's County's District 23.

HB0919 seeks to establish the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal, or PAREA, Grant Program within the Maryland Higher Education Commission. This legislation is a reintroduction of HB0607 from last session and continues our efforts to expand access to the real estate appraisal profession while addressing longstanding disparities in property valuation.

As the Committee is aware, the real estate appraisal industry plays a critical role in Maryland's housing market. In 2022, the Task Force on Property Appraisal and Valuation Equity was established to examine persistent disparities in property valuation, particularly in historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities. The Task Force issued several recommendations aimed at removing barriers that prevent individuals from entering the appraisal profession.

HB0919 directly responds to those recommendations by establishing the PAREA Grant Program. This program will provide financial assistance to individuals from historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities who are seeking to pursue careers in real estate appraisal.

By expanding access to training and reducing financial barriers, this legislation will help create a stronger and more diverse pipeline of licensed appraisers who better reflect the communities they serve.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission will administer the program to ensure that grant funding supports aspiring professionals committed to addressing appraisal gaps across Maryland.

This bill represents an important step toward promoting fairness and equity in property valuation.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report for HB0919.