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**RE: HB 218 – Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Annual Meetings**

**Hearing Date: February 11, 2020**

**Position: OPPOSED**

Dear Honorable Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein and Committee Members:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Action Committee (“MD-LAC”) of the Community Associations Institute (“CAI”). CAI represents individuals and professionals who reside in or work with condominiums, homeowners’ associations and cooperatives throughout the State of Maryland.

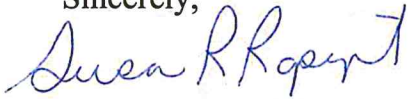
MD-LAC opposes HB 218. Please note that HB 1053- Real Property – Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Governing Bodies addresses the issues contained in HB 218. As such, in our testimony on HB 1053, we shall propose an

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amendment that will address the concept suggested in HB 218, namely subjecting developers and declarants to convene at least one meeting each year.

We respectfully request that the Committee give HB 218 an unfavorable report as HB 1053 is the appropriate bill to address the subject matter addressed in HB 218. We are available to answer any questions the Committee Members may have. Please feel free to contact Lisa Harris Jones, lobbyist for the MD-LAC, at 410-366-1500, or by e-mail at [lisa.jones@mdlobbyist.com](mailto:lisa.jones@mdlobbyist.com), or Susan R. Rapaport, Assistant Secretary, MD-LAC for Community Associations Institute at 410-995-5800, or by E-mail at [srapaport@darslaw.com](mailto:srapaport@darslaw.com).

Sincerely,



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