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February 6, 2020

Hon. Delegate Kumar Barve, Chairman  
And Delegate Marvin Holmes  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
364 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: HB 279**

**Real Property – Restrictions on Use – Low-Impact Landscaping**

**Hearing: February 11, 2020**

**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Barve, Delegate Holmes 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. CAI supports Sustainable Landscape Practices, including finite natural resources, reducing erosion, pollution and other potential adverse effects.

We are writing today to voice our support for HB 279.

We believe HB 279 is designed to ensure sustainable landscaping practices in most geographic areas, especially areas with desert-like topography or prone to droughts and encourage ways for Associations to evaluate ways to used water that is not potable.

We are available to answer any questions which you may have. Please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed: Lisa Harris Jones, CAI MD-LAC lobbyist, at 410-366-1500 or by email at

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Sincerely,

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