

March 5, 2020

Hon. Chair Kumar Barve
6 Bladen Street, House Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 511 – Baltimore County - Nuisance Actions - Community Association Standing

Mr. Chair,

House Bill 511 alters the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” for judicial relief in nuisance abatement in Baltimore County. You may have heard testimony on this bill in the past. Senator Sydnor has brought this bill for several years.

House Bill 511 removes the household percentage requirements to be considered a community association under law, includes non-profit organizations that meet the requirements to be considered a community association and removes the bonding requirements that are currently necessary to pursue relief.

Current law makes it nearly impossible to seek relief for nuisance abatement. Making these simple changes to tear down barriers to relief will allow local community groups to pursue an end to issues of community blight and nuisances.

Thank you for the hearing for House Bill 511. I am happy to take questions and I ask for a favorable report.

Delegate Robin Grammer