



March 3, 2020

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241 House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Support: HB 817 – Regulations Affecting Small Business – Comparable Local Regulations

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The NAIOP Maryland Chapters represent 700 companies who develop and own commercial, mixed-use and light industrial real estate.

HB 817 requires that proposed state regulations contain a notice of comparable local regulations and a statement that compliance with the comparable local regulation will be accepted by the state agency as compliance with the state regulation.

Reciprocity could reduce overlap and duplication of regulatory requirements. This kind of coordination between state and local of governments should be considered a basic measure of good governance.

For these reasons, NAIOP respectfully recommends your favorable report on HB 817.

Sincerely,

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Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy
NAIOP Maryland Chapters -*The Association for Commercial Real Estate*

cc: House Health and Government Operations Members
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