



**Prince George's County Municipal Association**  
*An Association Of 27 Municipalities*



March 5th, 2021

The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair  
Environment & Transportation Committee  
2 West House Office Building, Room 251  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Support of HB980 - Prince George's County - Public Ethics - Definition of Application**  
Dear Chair Barve

On behalf of the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA), which represents the 27 incorporated cities and towns in Prince George's County, I am writing to express **support for HB980**. This bill clarifies the definition of application and related terms so that Prince George's County can implement ethical zoning ordinances. The clarification of the bill's language will result in a reduction of risk that remain an obstacle for both the County and its many communities' zoning goals.

The members of PGCMA are supporting this bill because our residents are our priority. Comprehensive zoning laws in Prince George's County cover almost 500 square miles that contain more than 320,000 properties and 100,000 property owners. The amendments in the bill are vital to fostering economic and developmental growth in the community as well as keeping our community beautiful for potential residents and businesses. The bill also allows the county to put aside the current rigorous zoning regulations and bring to the forefront ethical ordinances that will allow our county to progress with the times.

On behalf of PGCMA, I think you for considering this legislation and I urge a **favorable vote on HB980**.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bennard Cann", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Bennard Cann  
President, Prince George's County Municipal Association  
Mayor, Town of Morningside