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The Honorable Senator Antonio Hayes
James Senate Office Building, Room 222
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Reference: Senate Bill 781 (House Bill 1095)

Dear Senator Hayes,

Please accept this letter of support for approval of SB 781 (HB 1095) which proposes to remove the requirement for the buyer(s) name(s) to be included on a residential contract of sale in the State of Maryland.

No person should feel insecure about submitting an offer to purchase home due to their name. Despite the current measures in place to prevent discrimination and promote fair housing, this is still a concern of many of my clients.

Removing names from offers will prevent home sellers from even an unconscious negative bias, as well as assuage buyer's concerns regarding their name hindering chances of their offer being selected.

There is only one way to remedy this potential problem—and that is to remove the buyer(s) name from the initial offer to purchase.

Respectfully,

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