



April 1, 2021

The Honorable Kumar Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building

RE: Support-SB501-Towing or Removal of Vehicles From Parking Lots – Placement of Signs – Regional Malls

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) supports SB501-Towing or Removal of Vehicles From Parking Lots – Placement of Signs – Regional Malls. The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) is the trade organization representing the shopping center industry. Worldwide, the association maintains over 60,000 members. In Maryland, ICSC represents the interest of more than 1,000 shopping centers in every county and municipality in the State and supports approximately 240,000 jobs.

The current code requires one towing sign for every 7,500 sf of parking area. This legislation would apply only to regional mall complexes of no less than 400,000 square feet of gross leasable area and no less than two anchor stores and would change the requirements to one sign for every entrance in malls and shopping centers of this size. This is a sensible solution for towing signage in larger shopping malls and their parking lots.

Our members shopping centers come in many shapes and sizes, and we believe this legislation would benefit our larger institutions. Thank you, and we respectfully urge a favorable report on SB501.

Sincerely,

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ICSC Governmental Relations Chair

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