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Hon. Kumar Barve
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Bldg.
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Re: SB501 Towing from Regional Malls

Dear Chairman Barve

On behalf of URW, owners of Westfield Properties: Annapolis Mall, Montgomery Mall, and Wheaton, I wish to express our strong support for the passage of SB501 sponsored by Sen. Beidle.

SB501 clarifies the law on towing signage in Regional malls by making certain that adequate signage is placed at the entrance to the parking lot, rather than 1 sign for every 7500 square feet of parking space in the parking lot. The latter requirement would have required dozens of unsightly signs to be placed throughout the parking areas.

The language in SB501 assures customers that they will have adequate notice about towing costs and recovery of a vehicle without an overload of signage in the overall parking area.

It is my understanding that there is no opposition to the bill and we urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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