



February 19, 2021

The Honorable Kumar Barve

Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

House Office Building, 2nd Floor

Re: Oppose- HB1218- Landlord and Tenant – Estoppel Certificates – Notice of Receipt by Landlord

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the Committee,

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.

House bill 1218 places an unneeded additional burden on a commercial transaction that will simply serve to increase costs of a transaction for no benefit to either party. Adding an additional contractual document outside of a lease simply creates an unnecessary step in the transactional process.

The International Council of Shopping Centers urges an unfavorable report.

On behalf of the ICSC community, I urge an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

Mickey Papillon, ICSC Governmental Relations Chair

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