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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251 House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 980 Prince George's County – Public Ethics – Definition of Application (PG 416-21)

Dear Chairman Barve,

The Prince George's County Association of REALTORS® (PGCAR) Legislative Committee has met and reviewed HB 980 Prince George's County – Public Ethics – Definition of Application (PG 416-21). On behalf of our 3,300 members, I wish to inform you of our **SUPPORT**.

HB 980 alters the definition of "application," as it applies to provisions of the Maryland Public Ethic Law relating specifically to applications for land use decisions in Prince George's County, to exclude participation in adopting the County's Countywide Zoning Map Amendment.

REALTORS® believe that implementation of the zoning and subdivision rewrite is paramount for developing and bringing economic growth to Prince George's County. As drafted, HB 980 provides clarity on the purpose and intent of the legislation, making it straightforward and a necessary vehicle for completion of the County's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

We respectfully urge you to vote **FAVORABLE** on HB 980.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

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