



TO: The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Members, House Environment and Transportation Committee The Honorable
Shaneka Henson

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RE: SUPPORT – HB0451 titled “Real Property - Residential Rental Property Inspection - Remote Video Inspection”

On behalf of Blitzz Inc, we submit this letter of support for House Bill HB0451

House Bill 0451 would allow rental properties in MD to be inspected with remote video inspections. This will allow for safer and more efficient inspections.

As a scientist who graduated with P.h.d. from the University of Maryland, College Park, and now having founded Blitzz, Inc it behooves me to offer this testimony in favor of this bill and give back to the community where I pursued my Phd. I have been fortunate enough, along with our employees, to be of service to my local communities, it's cities and counties in California where I now reside, by providing them with Remote Video Inspection Technology during these challenging times of the pandemic.

Several Cities and counties in California and beyond, having successfully been using remote video to safely inspect residential and commercial entities for over 20 different inspection types. These include inspections involving the the following:

1. Porches
2. Small Projects
3. Rooftop Solar (photovoltaic)
4. Electrical Service Upgrades
5. Electrical Reconnects
6. Water Heaters
7. Gas Line Installations
8. Parking Shade Structures
9. Residential Construction (except roof nailing and intermediates)
10. Follow-up Inspections (must verify with inspector)
11. Aluminum Patio Cover
12. Water Softener
13. Plumbing Re-Pipe
14. Gas Line Extension for BBQ and Fire Pits

15. A/C Change Out
16. Attic FAU
17. Main Line Water Repair
18. Electrical Service Change
19. Spa Circuit
20. Detached Storage Sheds

The list of inspection use cases is growing every day as inspectors and city officials realize the efficiency of remote video in avoiding wasted driving time and waiting time by the homeowner, the general contractor and even the inspector. And it's not just the Building Department that is showing interest, Public Works, Fire and Safety, Water, and others are all realizing the efficiency and safety benefits.

Most of the above use cases take a few minutes by the inspector even on a remote video session. The platform does not even require app to be downloaded and places no technological burden on either the inspector or the GC or the home/business owner other than owning a smartphone.

Bottomline: this modality saves millions of taxpayer dollars every year, cuts down driving and hence carbon emissions and lets inspectors spend more time with their families instead of being stuck on the road driving around especially for simple use cases where they don't have to be on site.

Passage of House Bill 0451 will create a much needed beneficial shift in the way inspectors do their work for relevant use cases.

- [This video](https://vimeo.com/449766876) (https://vimeo.com/449766876) is a testimonial from a senior inspector in the Bay Area.
- [This video](#) is a recorded video testimony incase I am not able to make it to the Zoom testimonial session. The notice was short(< 2 days) and hence this effort to give you a backup oral testimony.

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