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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 46

Housing Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Programs – Notice and Application Requirements

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

I write to urge you to **support** Senate Bill 46. Providing proper notice to Maryland State Legislators within the General Assembly regarding applications to federal housing and neighborhood development programs is a critical piece of maintaining clear communication of housing, development, and revitalization efforts; and is imperative to promote awareness—keeping constituents abreast of accessible opportunities and projects within their neighborhoods and communities.

Through Senate Bill 46, Maryland State Legislators will be provided access to important information regarding applications for federal tax credits and other benefits as they relate to housing and neighborhood revitalization. It is important that due notice is provided to Maryland State Legislators within the General Assembly to cultivate an environment of transparency, clarity, and awareness. Under Senate Bill 46, a requirement is placed on administrations who seek benefits from programs, like the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, the Rental Housing Program, the Partnership Rental Housing Program, the Community Legacy Program, the Neighborhood Business Development Program, and the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development. This requirement mandates that administrations provide notice of application and application status, prior to submission and following approval, within a specified amount of time. The deadlines for notice vary and are reasonably based on the type of program involved.

It is necessary that Senate Bill 46 is implemented to ensure streamline communication and shared understanding amongst community partners, legislative bodies, and constituents.

If enacted, Senate Bill 46 will take effect on July 1, 2022, and will require the adoption of new practices in accordance with the change in law.

In efforts to stay abreast of housing and development projects and opportunities within our communities, I respectfully request a favorable report of Senate Bill 46.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

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