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Environment and Transportation Committee

House Office Building, Room 251

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Dear Chairman Barve and Vice Chair Stein and the Members of the Environment and Transportation,

My name is Delegate Mike McKay and it is my pleasure to present HB543 Town of Hancock – Urban Renewal Authority. This grants the Town of Hancock in Washington County the authority to exercise urban renewal powers in areas zoned for commercial use for blight clearance and redevelopment under Article III, Section 61 of the Maryland Constitution. Unemployment, poverty, shortages of affordable housing, health epidemics, and transportation problems often accompany physical decay in modern towns.

Attempts to relieve these social problems through the maintenance, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of the physical environment are known as urban redevelopment. The Mayor and Town Council believe and I do as well this tool is necessary to return the downtown to its glory through economic revival.

Thank you, I urge a favorable report.

Delegate Mike McKay

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