



# Randallstown

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Finance Committee  
3 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SUPPORT SB 0557 Baltimore County- West Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority

Dear Chair Kelley, and Vice Chair Feldman and Members of the Finance Committee:

May it be known the mission of the Randallstown NAACP is to secure equal rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and wellbeing of all persons in Baltimore County.

Can the suburbs be saved? It's a question few politicians expected they would need to answer — until just more than a decade ago, when socioeconomic data began to show population and income declining in the suburbs surrounding major American cities.

Many of these first suburbs, built during and after World War II, now suffer from old age and neglect, with crumbling infrastructure, outdated housing and poverty on the

upswing. Woodlawn, Windsor Mill, Randallstown, Owings Mills and the Liberty Road Corridor, face city-sized challenges without the tools, political clout or other resources to easily combat them.

The West Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority will operate in situations where the private sector and/or local governments cannot effectively perform. The Authority will operate on blighted, deteriorated or abandoned properties in cooperation with the local, county, state and federal governmental organization having jurisdiction. The Authority can stimulate economic revitalization, with resultant improvements in employment, infrastructure, services, and aiding in the provision of affordable housing. This legislation would give the community real hope to revitalize Security Square Mall, bring in grocery stores and other quality stores.

**The Randallstown Branch of the NAACP urges a favorable report from the committee on SB 0557.**

*yours*

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