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Good Afternoon, I am Kym Taylor, the HOA President of the Woods of Woodmore development in Prince George’s County. One day in early 2021, I received a phone call from a lot owner in our development who was not happy with the first and second appraisals for his “to be built” home. That phone call sparked a grassroots movement and caused me, and others in the county to found the Fair and Unbiased Appraisal Advocates (FUAA) and create a resource website, www.blackhomesmatter.org.

You have written testimony from the Prince Georges County Executive, the Maryland Bankers Association, the Maryland Office of the Attorney General and Maryland Realtors who have all urged a favorable vote to create a Task Force to address inequities and bias in real estate appraisals.

I am not here to regurgitate the “why” this Task Force is needed, but I am here to maintain a sense of urgency and implore you to move this bill during this legislative session despite the fourth year of your terms or any other reason that might keep you from making HB1097 a 2022 success.

As a candidate for Delegate in District 23, I plan to be in the opposite chamber next year to keep the ball rolling on this important issue. Today, please don’t have all the research, Stakeholder’s meetings and other work of Delegate Marvin Holmes and the other founders of the Fair and Unbiased Appraisal Advocates be in vain.

Thank you for your time.