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Ways and Means Committee
Rm. 131 House Office Building
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Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: HB 93- Real Property – Candidates for Offices of Municipalities and Common
Ownership Communities – Reports of Donations and Disbursements**

Hearing: January 25, 2022

Position: OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Barve, Vice Chairman Stein, Delegate Holmes and Committee Members:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Action Committee (“MD-LAC”) of the Community Associations Institute (“CAI”). CAI MD-LAC represents individuals and professionals who reside in or work with condominiums, homeowners’ associations, and cooperatives throughout the State of Maryland.

MD-LAC is writing today to oppose HB 93. HB 93 requires candidates for the Board of Directors in a cooperative or condominium association with at least 2,000 units, to file reports to the State Board of disbursements and donations. It also requires cooperatives and condominiums that require candidates to file reports with the association to also file with the State Board. There are penalties assessed for untimely reporting. While CAI does not oppose requiring individuals running for the Board of Directors, in associations larger than 2,000 units, to report donations and disbursements to a State Board, it does oppose placing yet another burden on associations for actions of individuals, and for further fining the associations for its failure to do so. Reporting should be limited to those candidates receiving donations and making disbursements.

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We are available to answer any questions which you may have. Please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed: Lisa Harris Jones, CAI MD-LAC lobbyist, at 410-366-1500 or by email at lisa.jones@mdlobbyist.com; or Ruth Katz, CAI MD-LAC, at 301-657-0188, or by email at rokatz@lercheary.com; or Steven Randol, Chair, at 410-695-2183, or by email at srandol@pineyorchard.com.

Sincerely,



Ruth O. Katz
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Steven Randol
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