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The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary,
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Subject: Support for HB93 – Candidates for Offices of Municipalities and Common Ownership Communities – Reports of Donations and Disbursements

Dear Chair Atterbeary and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Kings Contrivance Community Association has reviewed the proposed legislation and urges you to vote in favor of HB93, a bill which will bring transparency to campaign financing at the local level, including annual elections for our community.

We support the bill so that our residents will be fully aware of who contributed to a campaign and the level of contribution made. We also support the proposal that allows us, as a Board of Directors being able to set the parameters for the campaign disclosure. This flexibility allows all communities to choose what is right for them.

We feel that the need for this bill has been brought to our attention by our previous experience at our last elections for the Columbia Association and our Board of Directors for the community in 2021. The campaign expenses for candidates were very unusual and took the community by surprise. This bill would allow us, as the Community Association, running the election to obtain appropriate disclosure, so that all voters would see the transparency that is appropriate for a very local election.

Transparency is a very important part of the election process and informed voters are critical for a democracy. This bill offers a simple solution that we are able to manage ourselves. We urge your support on this important legislation.

Respectfully,

Barbara N. Seely
Chair, Kings Contrivance Village Board