



**Maryland's Association of Animal Care and Control
Agencies and Humane Societies**

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**HB1039 Taskforce on Financial Incentives for Pet Friendly Housing
Maryland House of Delegates Environment and Transportation Committee**

March 3, 2023

Dear Honorable Chairman Barve, Vice-Chairman Stein, and members of the committee:

Professional Animal Workers of Maryland, the state organization comprised of animal control agencies and humane societies supports Bill HB1039 creating a taskforce on financial incentives for pet friendly housing.

Our shelters and agencies see the issues which arise from the lack of pet friendly housing within Maryland. We see animals surrendered to our shelters daily which are only done so because the family cannot find appropriate housing permitting pets. We fully support the work towards incentivizing permitting pets in rental properties across the state. We feel it is in the best interest of pets, people, and property owners to investigate ways we can support both pet owners and the property owners in these situations.

We respectfully ask for a favorable report on this bill.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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