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To: The Honorable Kumar Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Kira Wilpone-Welborn, Assistant Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division

Re: House Bill 93 – Residential Ground Leases - Redemption and Extinguishment -
Requirements (SUPPORT)

The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General (the “Division”) supports House Bill 93 sponsored by Delegate Holmes as it modifies when, in relation to the State Department of Assessment and Taxation’s posting of an application for the redemption or extinguishment of a ground rent, a ground rent tenant may pay the appropriate redemption or extinguishment fees and any past due ground rents. House Bill 93’s modification to the redemption and extinguishment process will assist ground rent tenants in enforcing their right to redeem or extinguish remaining ground rents on their property. As such, the Division requests that the Environment and Transportation Committee give House Bill 93 a favorable report.

cc: The Honorable Marvin E. Holmes
Members, Environment and Transportation Committee