

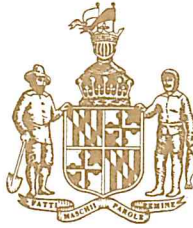
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March 2, 2023

Senator Melony Griffith, Chair
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Dear Chair Griffith,

Please let this letter serve as official notice of the unanimous vote (8-0) of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation in support of Senate Bill 506 (Town of Forest Heights – Urban Renewal for Blight Clearance).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Jackson".

Senator Michael A. Jackson, Chair
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SB 506 - Testimony - Town of Forest Heights.pdf

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Testimony of Senator C. Anthony Muse
SB 506: Town of Forest Heights (Prince George's County) – Urban Renewal Authority for
Blight Clearance

Good Afternoon Chairwoman Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier and members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Senate Bill 506 would grant the Town of Forest Heights, which is the only municipality in the 26th district, the authority to exercise urban renewal powers to use for blight clearance and redevelopment. With this legislation the Town of Forest Heights would be able to acquire and repurpose and or hold and sell vacant and blighted properties.

In fact, Prince George's County has had this power for over 50 years and over **18** municipalities in Prince George's County already have this authorization... and 67 across the state of Maryland.

In closing, this bill received a favorable report from the Prince George's County Senate Delegation. Thank you in advance for your consideration and I urge the committee for a FAVORABLE report on SB 545.

SB 506 - Urban Renewal List.pdf - Senator Muse.pdf

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Municipalities with Urban Renewal Authority

Year of Authorization

(MML - 4/07)

1961

Annapolis
Cambridge
Cumberland
Easton
Elkton
Frederick
Frostburg
Hagerstown
Port Deposit
Rockville
Salisbury
Westminster

1963

Aberdeen
Bel Air
Berlin
Centreville
College Park
Crisfield
Glenarden
Havre de Grace
Hyattsville
Laurel
Leonardtown
Mount Rainier
Ocean City
Pocomoke City
Princess Anne
Snow Hill
Westernport

1964

Bowie
Capital Heights
Fairmount Heights

1966

Colmar Manor

1968

Riverdale Park
Seat Pleasant

1969

Morningside

1975

Chestertown
Denton
Federalsburg

1977

Oxford
Queen Anne
St. Michael's
Trappe

1978

North Beach
Perryville

1996

Betterton
Cheverly
Taneytown

1998

Bladensburg

1999

District Heights

2002

Capital Heights
Charlestown
Cottage City

Goldsboro
Greensboro
Henderson
Hillsboro

Landover Hills

Marydel
Preston
Ridgely

2004

Sudlersville

2005

Boonsboro

2007

Brookview
Eldorado
Galestown
Hurlock