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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.