



CITY OF CUMBERLAND MARYLAND

Delegate Luke Clippinger, *Chairman*
House Judiciary Committee
6 Bladen Street, Room 101
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

April 4th, 2023

Re: *Senate Bill 277/House Bill 729: Real Property – Sheriff’s Sales – Notice, Procedures, & Subordinate Interests: SUPPORT*

Dear Chairman Clippinger and House Judiciary Committee Members:

As Mayor of Cumberland, I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony before your committee on March 10th in support of House Bill 729, entitled: *Real Property – Sheriff’s Sales – Notice, Procedures, & Subordinate Interests*.

Today, the senate cross-file (SB277) is before your committee for consideration. This bill was heard in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on February 9th. Following the hearing, we worked closely with the bill’s sponsor to address the concerns raised by the Maryland Legislative Action Committee (“MD-LAC”) of the Community Associations Institute (“CAI”). Through our collective efforts, we amended the senate version to satisfy all interested stakeholders and the bill passed the Senate Chamber, unanimously.

As you may know, the City of Cumberland is one of the oldest, but poorest municipalities in the state of Maryland. Absent and abandoned properties are plaguing our city. To combat these increasing issues of blight, we believe that legislative policies contained in this legislation will help us in our efforts.

For these reasons, I respectfully request this committee to conform the house cross-file to the senate bill, as amended, and seek a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Raymond Morriss

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