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CHAIR, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE
PLANNING, HOUSING, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

February 28, 2023

Chairwoman Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for HB1064, which would add home amenity rentals to the sales and use tax and authorize a county or municipality to impose a home amenity rental tax.

As a proponent of the sharing economy and the benefits it can bring to our communities, I believe that home amenity rentals offer a unique opportunity for homeowners to share underutilized spaces with their neighbors. Montgomery County has already seen this with the sharing of pools, but we are now moving towards an environment where all underutilized spaces, such as yards or garages, can be shared. That is why I have introduced Montgomery County Bill 6-23 - Housing – Sharing Economy Rental. We are at the forefront of the home sharing economy, and we need to ensure that our tax policies keep pace with this evolving landscape.

I believe that this bill is a necessary step in ensuring that our tax policies keep pace with the changing economy and that we create a consistent and fair regulatory environment for all businesses and residents in our county. Therefore, I respectfully request that you take a favorable position on HB1064.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Will Jawando".

Will Jawando, Chair
Education and Culture Committee
Montgomery County Council