



**Testimony to the Environment & Transportation Committee  
HB 17 – Charter Counties – Comprehensive Plans – Affirmatively Furthering  
Fair Housing  
Position: Support**

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HB 17 would require that a comprehensive plan adopted by a local jurisdiction include an assessment of their efforts to affirmatively further fair housing in the housing element of the plan. MAHC supports the addition of the fair housing assessment in the comprehensive plans and thinks it's an important step towards encouraging local jurisdictions to support fair and equitable housing access in their communities.

MAHC is the leading organization for the affordable rental housing industry in Maryland and represents over 185 member organizations, including nonprofit and for-profit developers, State and local housing authorities, property management companies, financial institutions, community development organizations, contractors, investors, consultants and individuals.

**Respectfully submitted on February 6, 2024 by Miranda Darden-Willems, Executive Director, on behalf of the MAHC Board of Directors.**

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