



Friday, February 23, 2024

Re: In Support of House Bill 860 – Housing and Community Development – Community Action Boards

Dear Honorable Chair Korman, Vice-Chair Boyce, and members of the committee,

On behalf of Anne Arundel Community Action Agency, I urge you to support HB860: Housing and Community Development – Community Action Boards.

The Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency has been the county’s designated anti-poverty agency since 1965, with its mission “to assist people living in poverty working to achieve self-sufficiency and economic mobility by collaborating with community partners.” Agency programs are a demonstrated pipeline to increase optimal outcomes across several well-being domains.

If passed, the bill would:

- Align the Maryland State requirements for Community Action boards with the federal requirements for tripartite boards.
- Repeal certain requirements relating to the composition of Community Action Boards that are not in alignment with the federal requirements.

If there is any additional information that I can provide as you consider this bill, I would be happy to help. You can contact me at (410) 626-1900 ext. 1017 or kholder@aaccaa.org.

Sincerely,

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