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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 Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc, I urge you to support HB860: Housing and Community Development – Community Action Boards.

As the Executive Director of Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc, I see the effects of poverty each day. As a member of the Maryland Community Action Partnership, my colleagues and I work diligently to support thousands of families in poverty each day. The Maryland Community Action Partnership is the organization made up of Maryland's 17 community action agencies which together serve every Maryland county. Together, we work toward ending homelessness and reducing poverty for all Marylanders.

Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc, supports HB860 because of the effect it will have on our agency and our ability to have a strong functioning Board of Directors.

If passed, the bill would:

- Align the Maryland State requirements of 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.

Sincerely,

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