



Montgomery County Community Action Board Testimony  
HB860: Housing and Community Development - Community Action Boards

February 27, 2024

**SUPPORT**

TO: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair; The Honorable Regina Boyce, Vice Chair; and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Dr. Jeffery Johnson, Chair, Montgomery County Community Action Board

The Montgomery County Community Action Board (CAB), the County's local, state, and federally designated anti-poverty group, is in support of HB860: Housing and Community Development – Community Action Boards.

Our board serves as the governing body for the Montgomery County Community Action Agency and the County's Head Start Program, along with the Head Start Parent Policy Council. As a Community Action Board that would be directly impacted by this bill, we are uniquely positioned to express our support for it. The bill would align the Maryland State requirements for Community Action Boards with the federal requirements for tripartite boards. The bill would repeal certain requirements relating to the minimum number of members boards must have and would repeal certain term limit requirements. These changes would allow Community Action Boards to have more flexibility with regard their structures and would address some of the challenges some boards are currently facing.

The Montgomery County Community Action Board supports HB860 and asks the Committee for a favorable report.