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My name is Francis Taylor. I am writing in opposition to HB 417 as proposed. I am President of the North Point Peninsula Council that has been representing our community for 52 years. More than ever, it is critical to have verifiable evidence that a Community Association legitimately represents the community. Below are my comments and concerns.

- The language “ other organization” pg. 1 line 22 is too broad a term that lacks and needs definition.
- We recognize the challenges other legitimate Associations might have meeting this goal. Pg. 1 line 22.
- It is imperative that Community Associations have a verifiable membership. pg.2 line 7. Dues are the way that residents participate and passively support the organization. No one is excluded because of financial insecurities.
- It is not enough for an organization to say, without putting any effort or outreach, that they represent the community. Longevity and track record are how you measure the legitimacy of a Community Association. The 1 year in existence current condition is very reasonable. One hit wonders are not a Community Association Page 2 line 11.
- Again pg. 2 line 21 lists “other organization”. Needs defined.
- A group of 2 or more associations is a coordinating council not a community association. pg. 2 line 24. It, in itself, is not a Community Association as defined in the bylaws and charters of the individual Associations.
- The Baltimore County Organization Registry is a vital partner to Community Associations and their acknowledgment that an organization is legitimate is a critical tool used by Community

Associations and Citizens, that should not be eliminated. pg. 2 line 15. It is important to keep this requirement.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. Community Associations are focused on a broad number of issues in their respective communities and I can't stress enough, now more than ever, verifiability of community support and participation. Mechanisms are in place for dealing with nuisance properties. Please don't weaken the requirements for recognition as an existing legitimate Community Association.

Community Association are focused on many, many community issues. Community signs, cleanups, air pollution issues, dredging issues, traffic, zoning, development oversight and yes nuisance issues. We recently donated to a National Historic landmark in the community and high school scholarship. We pay for community sign electric, insurance and upkeep. In addition we provide grants to police, volunteer fire station and the local food pantry.