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Bill: HOUSE BILL 687 Charles County – Governing Bodies of Common Ownership
Communities – Member Training
Committee: SENATE – Judicial Proceedings
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members:

On behalf of the County Commissioners for Charles County, this letter is to express support for HB 687 – Charles County – Governing Bodies of Common Ownership Communities – Member Training.

HB 687 requires each member of the board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners to successfully complete a training course on the responsibilities of being a member or an officer within a specified timeframe. Charles County supports continuing education and measures to ensure that the community associations are operated properly, and in the best interests of homebuyers and residents.

We recognize that boards of community associations are entrusted with significant financial oversight and play a critical role in vitality of our residential communities. As such, these individuals must be equipped with the needed information to meet the needs of the organization in an efficient and legal manner. It is our hope that required standardized training will aid in that effort.

For the reasons stated herein, we encourage a FAVORABLE report on HB 687. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President
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cc: Charles County Delegation