



City of
Seat Pleasant
Maryland

Name: Mayor Kelly Porter, City of Seat Pleasant

Committee: Ways & Means

Bill: HB 1413 – Prince George’s County – Development Authority - Established

Position: FWA – Favorable With Amendment

Chairwoman Atterbeary and members of the committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1413 with one little technical amendment to **change town of Seat Pleasant to City of Seat Pleasant**. HB 1413 proposes the establishment of the Prince George’s Development Authority in Prince George’s County. This legislation is crucial for supporting and developing a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with residents, particularly in the targeted areas of Fairmont Heights, Seat Pleasant, Capital Heights, and surrounding unincorporated areas.

As a resident of Prince George’s County and the Mayor of Seat Pleasant, I firmly believe that the establishment of the Prince George’s Development Authority is a necessary step towards addressing the socio-economic challenges facing our neighborhoods. By creating a dedicated entity focused on revitalization efforts, we can leverage resources effectively and implement strategic initiatives to improve the quality of life for all residents.

One of the key strengths of this legislation is the inclusive composition of the Authority, which brings together representatives from various sectors including government, community organizations, and residents. This diverse membership ensures that the needs and perspectives of all stakeholders are considered in the decision-making processes.

Furthermore, the proposed authority is empowered to manage appropriated funds from municipalities, the county, and the state, as well as receive donated services from professionals such as accountants and lawyers. This flexibility in resource management will enable the Authority to maximize its impact and achieve tangible results in neighborhood revitalization efforts.

I am particularly impressed by the focus of the Authority on developing a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan that addresses the needs of residents, housing, economic development, and transportation. The inclusion of provisions to increase access to health facilities and affordable housing options for seniors demonstrates a commitment to promoting equity and social inclusion in our communities.

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bill 1413 with the amendment.

Thank you for considering my testimony in favor of this important legislation.