



**Senate Bill 944 – Housing Development Permits - Local Reporting Requirements
(Maryland Housing Data Transparency Act)**

Position: Support

Maryland currently faces a shortage of nearly 150,000 housing units and growing. Comprehensive and reliable sources of data on our state's housing production will be required to close that gap. For this reason, Maryland REALTORS® urges strong support for SB 944.

Maryland's housing needs are well documented. We have not built the housing needed to support our current and future workforce, which has resulted in growing percentages of residents who are looking to leave our state. This has impacts not just on those individuals, but also on our business community and the overall economic condition of Maryland.

This bill requires jurisdictions which issue 50 or more building permits to report the types and number of units permitting, including middle housing types. In addition to sending this information to the Department of Planning, this information will be made available to the public in a searchable format. Doing this will provide a more complete picture of housing production in the state and identify housing needs which still exist.

Maryland's housing shortage is a direct result of local governments not producing the units needed to serve their residents. SB 944 is a necessary measure to hold them accountable for reducing our unmet housing needs and addressing our housing crisis.

Maryland REALTORS® asks for your support for SB 944.

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