

TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF THE GREATER OCEAN CITY MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IN SUPPORT OF:

<u>HB1215 - Common Ownership Communities -</u> Time to Attain Reserve Funding Level - Extension

Before:

Environment & Transportation Committee Hearing: 2/28/2025 at 1:00 PM

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 700 regional businesses and job creators, **SUPPORTS House Bill HB1215** – **Common Ownership Communities** - **Time to Attain Reserve Funding Level** - **Extension**. This legislation would extend from 3 to 5 fiscal years the time in which the governing body of a cooperative housing corporation, condominium, or homeowners association is required to attain a certain recommended annual reserve funding level following an initial Reserve Study.

The 3-year timeline passed in the previous legislation was an undue burden upon property owners. Easing the timing from 3 to 5 years would give property owners a sufficient ramp to achieve the recommended annual reserve funding level without such a steep incline to meet the goal on the previous legislation's short timeline.

The Greater Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE REPORT on HB1215**. Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly at 410-213-0144 should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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