



Chair Marc Korman
and Members, Environment and Transportation Committee
250 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

February 28, 2025

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Maryland Policy Director for [Greater Greater Washington](#), a nonprofit that works to advance sustainability and equity in housing, land use, and transportation throughout Greater Washington and beyond. **GGWash strongly supports House Bill 1193**, which will require the Department of Planning to collect data about housing production and make it publicly available.

I can't say it enough: Maryland faces a shortage of 150,000 homes after decades of underbuilding¹, and we need to do everything we can to boost housing production. Last session, the Governor signed into law House Bill 131, which requires counties to track how many homes they're permitting and how quickly permits are granted. This session, we're supporting several bills designed to increase homebuilding, including the Housing for Jobs Act, which establishes housing production gaps for each city and county in Maryland.

In order for jurisdictions to fill these gaps, we need to understand not only how many homes we're building, but where they are and what types of homes are being built. House Bill 1193 will give us that information, including housing permits, the type of housing, and the cost of construction—and make it publicly available on a website. This is a crucial part of the solution Maryland needs to its housing crisis, and we ask the Environment and Transportation Committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Reed'.

Dan Reed
Maryland Policy Director

¹ <https://www.wbaltv.com/article/maryland-legislators-new-bills-keep-up-housing-demand/63423726>

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