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

Re: SB 820 Municipalities – Enforcement of Ordinances and Resolutions


Dear Chair Smith:

I am writing to express the City of College Park's strong support for SB 820, which would increase the maximum fine municipalities can impose from \$1,000 to \$5,000. We believe that the increase will provide important incentives for compliance and appropriate penalties for serious violations. Last year legislation was enacted to increase the maximum fine that charter counties may impose, and SB 820 will authorize the same for municipalities.

It is an unfortunate situation that some property owners treat fines of even \$1,000 as a "cost of doing business" and do not correct code and other violations in a timely manner. This bill creates a higher incentive for compliance. If the violations are not corrected, the penalty imposed could better reflect the public damage and cost to obtain compliance.

On behalf of our residents, I respectfully urge you to support SB 820.

Sincerely,


Fazlul Kabir
Mayor

cc: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee
District 21 Delegation