



**House Bill 503 – Land Use - Regional Housing Infrastructure Gap (Housing for Jobs Act)
Position: Support**

Maryland REALTORS® strongly supports efforts to close our 150,000-unit housing shortage, including bills such as HB 503.

Year after year, Maryland residents have grown more concerned over housing shortages and affordability. Our 2025 State of Housing Poll revealed that Marylanders listed **housing affordability as the biggest issue facing the state.**

This has direct impacts on the state’s workforce and economic success:

- **75%** said there was **too little housing for young professionals**
- **66%** said there was **too little housing for those with moderate incomes**
- **42%** of young voters have considered **leaving our state** because of housing costs, and
- **91%** say that **having a full-time job** and still not being able to afford a home is a problem.

Those are the voices of Maryland’s current and future workforce sounding the alarm that our current practices are not working for them.

What’s more, they don’t believe that their government representatives are listening to this concern or taking appropriate action to address it. Over 70% say that government officials at the state and local levels are doing just a fair or poor job on housing supply, compared to only 20% who rate government efforts as excellent or good.

Housing is necessary infrastructure that supports our workers and our local businesses. If we cannot house our workforce, we risk losing them to other states. If that happens, we will also lose the backbone of Maryland’s economy.

We thank Governor Moore and DHCD for their continued efforts to address our housing crisis. Maryland REALTORS® urges your support of HB 503.

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