



## **POSITION STATEMENT**

**Bill:** HB 1525 Annexation - Limitations

**Position:** Support

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Dear: Chair Marc Korman,

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“M-NCPPC” or the “Commission”) has not taken a position on this bill. However, staff have prepared comments in support.

**What this Bill Does.** This bill prohibits municipalities from annexing land located in a different legislative district from that which the municipality or any part of it is located.

**Support.** We support this reasonable limitation on municipal annexation. This provision would mitigate the concern caused by competing municipalities located in close proximity to each other attempting to annex the same land, which can lead to jurisdictional battles, delay and confusion in land development, economic development initiatives and political representation.

**Additional measures.**

- Non-taxable entities have just as much stake as taxable property owners in land planning, stability and consistency regarding jurisdictional boundaries impacting their properties. These entities should, therefore, have the same or similar notice and consent rights in the annexation process, which is currently not the case.
- Consider requiring additional community outreach and public notice.