

January 28, 2025

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Esq., Chair House Ways and Means Committee Taylor House Office Building 6 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Atterbeary,

We are writing to express our support for House Bill 258, which will be heard by your committee on Thursday, 1/30/2025. The Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council is an umbrella community organization that represents eight neighborhoods in West Baltimore, three of which, Fulton Heights, Robert W. Coleman, and Panway, border directly along West North Avenue.

Our area at large, and the West North Avenue corridor in particular, have suffered enormously through ongoing disinvestment over the past 60 plus years, and we have been thrilled to see the progress being made through the support of the state of Maryland through the work of the West North Avenue Development Authority. We urge you to support this legislation that will further enable WNADA to realize its shared vision for a renewed and vibrant West Baltimore.

Sincerely

Eli Lopatin

Executive Director