



March 3, 2026

The Honorable Benjamin S. Barnes, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Vice Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 1078 – Carroll Park Soccer Stadium and Facility Act  
Position: Support

Dear Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Kaiser, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jason M. Levien and I am the Co-Chairman and CEO of D.C. United LLC.

I respectfully appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of House Bill 1078, the Carroll Park Soccer Stadium and Facility Act, which authorizes the Maryland Stadium Authority to plan, finance, and develop a professional soccer stadium and facility in Baltimore City, primarily intended for professional soccer and as a soccer academy and school.

It is an honor to be here to discuss our shared vision for making Baltimore one of the great soccer cities in the United States.

Over the past couple of years, D.C. United has worked closely with the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and the Maryland Stadium Authority to advance a transformational project: a world-class soccer stadium and training campus that will bring professional men's and women's soccer, a full youth academy, and year-round community programming to Baltimore.

We feel strongly that Carroll Park Golf Course has a rich cultural history that deserves to be honored thoughtfully. We're committed to working with the community throughout the developmental process to determine the best way to do so.

Baltimore is a proud sports city with a passionate soccer fanbase. We saw that clearly when we announced B-MORE United Day and brought one of our biggest matches of the year to M&T Bank Stadium. The energy and unity across the region reaffirmed what we already knew: Baltimore is ready for professional soccer.

This project will bring new jobs, new economic activity, and new opportunities for young people across the city. It will create a home for the next generation of Maryland athletes and a gathering place for families and fans from across the state.

We are grateful for the leadership of Mayor Scott, Senator Hayes, Senator Ferguson, Delegate Edelson, and many others who have helped shape this vision. And we are proud to welcome partners like Carmelo Anthony and Mark Ingram, whose deep roots in Baltimore and commitment to youth empowerment strengthen this effort.

D.C. United is prepared to make a significant, long-term investment in Baltimore. We believe this project will help anchor Maryland as one of the top soccer states in the country, and we are ready to move forward together.

On behalf of D.C. United, LLC, I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1078 and thank you very much for your time and partnership.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Levien

Co-Chairman and CEO

D.C. United LLC