



House Bill 239

Position: Favorable

Committee: Economic Matters

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Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (“Maryland Chamber”) is a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth and opportunity for all Marylanders.

House Bill 239 would establish consistent statewide standards for zoning and land use in single-family residential areas. The bill is important step toward increasing housing options and addressing the growing need for affordable and accessible homes across Maryland.

Housing availability is often cited as a critical interest for Maryland’s businesses who are seeking to attract and retain workers. Additionally, ensuring that Maryland workers live in Maryland will ensure that income tax revenue does not flow out of the state. HB 239 helps remove unnecessary barriers to housing development and subsequently promotes economic growth. **For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 239.**