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Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Chair
Economic Matters Committee
231 Taylor House Office Building
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Delegate Lorig Charkoudian
Vice Chair
Economic Matters Committee
231 Taylor House Office Building
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Re: Letter of Support for MD HB0573, Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination - Regulations, Intent, and Discriminatory Effect

Dear Chair Valderrama and Vice Chairman Charkoudian:

I write to express my support for MD HB0573, Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination - Regulations, Intent, and Discriminatory Effect. This legislation will help to prevent discriminatory and unlawful housing practices in the State of Maryland.

On January 14, 2026, the Trump administration issued a proposed rule, "HUD's Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard." This rule is similar to a final rule of the same name issued during the first Trump administration on September 24, 2020, which was overturned by the Biden administration on March 17, 2023, through the publication of a final rule titled, "Restoring HUD's Discriminatory Effects Standard."

Discrimination based on race, gender, national origin, or ethnicity is inconsistent with the Constitution and fundamental American principles of equal protection under the law. Codifying HB573 is an important step to preserve a workable discriminatory effects standard and promote a housing market free from intentional discrimination and discriminatory effects alike.

Securing stable, affordable, and non-discriminatory housing is a critical step in reducing poverty and achieving socioeconomic equity. I urge the Maryland State House to report HB0573 favorably out of the Economic Matters Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn F. Ivey".

Glenn F. Ivey
Member of Congress