



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0571

Nonprofit Housing Corporations – Tax and Enforcement of Judgement Exemptions – Alterations Economic Matters Committee FAVORABLE

TO: Chair, Economic Matters Committee

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The Chase Home, Inc. and Episcopal Church supports House Bill 0571 to not-for-profit housing developers in the State of Maryland.

We urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 0571 to benefit nonprofit affordable housing developers and providers with property tax exemptions to encourage more affordable housing development and help preserve nonprofit managed affordable housing projects.

The Chase Home, Inc. is pleased to offer a favorable testimony in strong support of the HB0325. As a member of the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition and Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition and host to the annual Anne Arundel County Affordable Housing Symposium where stakeholders in housing and community development gathered to better understand affordable housing issues, the Chase Home advocates for better affordable housing legislation and programs that fund innovative affordable housing projects. Many of our partners and guest symposium speakers, are nonprofit affordable housing developers, including Homes for America, Episcopal Housing, FELLO and many others who developed and manage many affordable housing projects throughout the State of Maryland but could benefit from exemptions from property taxes which lowers operating costs. Many of these nonprofits serve special populations with tenant services adding to the cost burden. For this reason, we fully support of the Nonprofit Housing Corporations Tax Alterations bill. This bill would incentivize nonprofit affordable housing development projects and ease the cost burdens associated with managing the projects throughout the State of Maryland where we have an undersupply of affordable housing.

For the reasons noted above, we urge a FAVORABLE report on HB 0571.