



DRUID HEIGHTS
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Testimony
Department of Housing and Community Development
SB0325
Housing Certainty Act
Position: Support
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Members of Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation urges your support of the Housing Certainty Act.

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation (DHCDC) is a community-based, 501 (c)(3) non-profit community development corporation. DHCDC is located in zip code 21217 in Baltimore City, within Census Tract 1403 a designated Urban Renewal Area. Our mission is to cause, encourage and promote community self-empowerment, through the development of economic, educational, employment, and affordable housing opportunities.

We were so grateful to see a historic increase in funding for rental housing programs, community revitalization and strategic demolition. We have received funding from Maryland DHCD towards our Bakers View Homeownership project, stabilization of the 2200 block of Druid Hill and assisted with green space projects such as our Gold Street project. In addition to the creation of over sixty (60) homes in West Baltimore, these homes provide generational wealth and assist in sustaining the commercial corridor of Pennsylvania and North Ave.

The Housing Certainty Act would:

Reduce uncertainty for builders, so projects aren't derailed by changing local rules during the permitting process.

Lower costs for new housing, by smoothing the timeline and financial risks of development.

Encourage more housing supply, because developers can plan with confidence and move projects forward more quickly.

Please approve this smart community development investment by supporting the Housing Certainty Act.

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