



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION
2/25/26 at 1pm EST
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 937**

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee:

American Flood Coalition Action (AFCA) appreciates the opportunity to express its **support for HB 937**, Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park Emergency Preparedness. AFCA is the 501(c)(4) arm of the American Flood Coalition—a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit coalition that drives transformational adaptation to protect communities from higher seas, stronger storms, and more frequent flooding. AFC comprises more than 500 elected officials, local leaders, municipalities, civic and military groups, and businesses that work together to advance flood solutions at the local, state, and federal levels.

We applaud the Maryland legislature taking this important step to protect youth camps and RV parks from disaster, ensuring that the people in these vulnerable areas are prepared for extreme weather events. Emergency preparedness is critical for ensuring the safety of campers and for the continued enjoyment of Maryland's natural resources. Through HB 937's establishment of an interagency working group to study and recommend emergency preparedness policies, Maryland is ensuring that the full force of state government is involved in guaranteeing youth and adult campers' safety. It is especially noteworthy that HB 937 directs the working group to look at examples in other states as much can be learned from examples out of states like California and Texas.

To give the working group more direct guidance on where they can focus their recommendations to achieve the largest impact, we encourage consideration of an amendment to Section 1.(g).(iv) to read:

“make recommendations regarding potential legislation to address statewide emergency preparedness policies for youth camps and RV parks, including:

- (i) Flood resistant code standards for youth camps and RV parks
- (ii) Building restrictions on youth camps and RV parks within a floodplain
- (iii) Risk and preparedness communication standards for youth camps and RV parks
- (iv) Minimum operability standards for essential alert and warning equipment.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this effort ensuring the safety of all those who enjoy Maryland's recreational opportunities.

Respectfully,

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