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TESTIMONY ON HB#0099 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Municipalities - Annexed Land - Land Use and Density

TO: Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the Government, Labor and Elections Committee

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My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0099, **Municipalities - Annexed Land - Land Use and Density**

This bill provides guidance to relations on annexation of land by a municipality between it and the county in which that municipality is located. It changes the relationship from a “you need permission from a specific government body” to a cooperative consultation working together on land use issues platform between them.

The bill accomplishes this by altering the restrictions on a municipality, for a period following an annexation of land, to authorize the development of certain annexed land for certain land uses or certain densities without obtaining the express approval of the county in which the municipality is located; and altering the authority of a municipality to authorize certain land uses or certain densities for certain annexed land with the express approval of the county in which the municipality is located.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0099.