



February 23, 2026

HB 1141

**Municipal Incorporation - County Commissioners or County Council - Required Approval of Referendum Request
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee**

Position: Favorable

Dear Members of the Maryland General Assembly,

The Harford County NAACP strongly urges the Committee to pass HB legislation that strengthens transparency, fiscal accountability, and democratic participation in the municipal incorporation process.

House Bill 1141 establishes important safeguards that ensure communities seeking incorporation are prepared to meet the responsibilities of self-governance. By increasing the minimum population threshold, requiring comprehensive fiscal impact analyses, and mandating public disclosure of financial projections and service plans, the bill promotes informed decision-making for residents, neighboring communities, and county governments alike.

For communities across Maryland, municipal incorporation can represent an important opportunity for local empowerment. However, that opportunity must be accompanied by transparency, financial responsibility, and equitable consideration of impacts on all residents. House Bill 1141 advances these principles in a thoughtful and responsible manner.

The Harford County NAACP supports legislation that protects democratic participation while ensuring that public policy decisions are grounded in fairness, accountability, and fiscal clarity. We respectfully urge you to vote favorably on House Bill 1141.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued service to the people of Maryland.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vicki Jones, Branch President