

House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

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Senate Bill 69

Nonprofit Organizations Navigator – Termination Provision – Repeal

SUPPORT

The Association of Community Services (ACS) of Howard County, a 501c3 nonprofit capacity-building organization representing over 80 nonprofit members, supports Senate Bill 69. This bill would repeal the “sunset” provision that would terminate the Nonprofit Navigator position within the Department of Commerce at the end of June 2027.

Nonprofits provide many of the essential services that community residents rely upon. Many of them do so with some funding support from State Government, but that support is often difficult to navigate – from accessing grant opportunities, to dealing with delays in payments or other administrative challenges.

Since starting last year, the Nonprofit Navigator has been improving nonprofits’ access to state agencies. The Navigator has built relationships with nonprofits across Maryland and established regular communications through a monthly newsletter and website.

Our county, and all of Maryland, depends on nonprofits to deliver a wide range of critical services. The financial cost of this one position is a small price to pay to support more effective communication and relationships between those nonprofits and the state agencies providing funding or other resources.

Please support this bill to enable nonprofits to navigate State Government more easily. Ultimately, it will help them better serve our communities.

ACS strongly urges a favorable report on SB 69.