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Wicomico County Delegation
Attn: Delegate Christopher T. Adams
Lowe House Office Building, Room 405
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Wicomico County- Property Tax Credit- Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. Bill
NO 6lr1891

Dear Delegate Adams and Members of the Eastern Shore Delegation:

I am writing in strong support of Bill No. 6lr1891, which establishes a property tax credit for properties redeveloped by Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (SNHS). This legislation represents a thoughtful and strategic investment in the long-term stability and revitalization of our neighborhoods.

Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services plays a critical role in neighborhood revitalization, housing rehabilitation, and the expansion of homeownership opportunities throughout Wicomico County. Their work focuses on stabilizing distressed neighborhoods, restoring aging and vacant homes, and creating pathways for families to achieve safe, affordable homeownership. These efforts improve not only individual properties but entire communities.

The temporary tax credit during the redevelopment phase provided by this bill is especially important. Redeveloping distressed properties often involves high upfront costs, delayed returns, and financial risk. By easing the property tax burden during this critical period, the County enables SNHS to reinvest more resources directly into rehabilitation, construction, and community improvement rather than diverting funds to carrying costs. This incentive helps make challenging projects financially viable and encourages continued investment where it is needed most.

In the long run, this policy benefits the County as well. Rehabilitated homes increase property values, expand the tax base, reduce blight, and strengthen neighborhoods. Families gain stable housing, communities become safer and more attractive, and Wicomico County gains sustainable economic growth.

Bill No. 6lr1891 is a **smart, targeted, and fiscally responsible** tool that supports reinvestment in distressed properties while promoting homeownership and neighborhood stability. I urge the Council to approve this bill and continue supporting the vital work of Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to the future of our communities.

Respectfully,

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