



February 17, 2017

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 44 – Residential Property - Ground Lease Registration Forms - Contact Information Option – Support

Dear Delegate Barve:

House Bill 44 requires the ground lease registration form required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that allows the ground lease holder to include a telephone number and e-mail address. It also requires the reporting form for changes or corrections required by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include a section that provides the ground lease holder the option to provide the ground lease holder's telephone number and e-mail address.

This Bill will give realtors more information regarding the ground lease holders making it easier for them to contact previous owners and to sell the property. Anything to facilitate realtors to better perform at their jobs is a welcome initiative.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, supports this bill and asks that you give it a favorable report

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Susan W. Krebs
Senator Justin Ready