



September 20, 2021

Dear Chairperson Walsh, Vice Chair Jones, Councilperson Rigby, Councilperson Jung, and Councilperson Yungmann:

The Howard Progressive Project (HPP), an organization committed to building a more just and equitable Howard County, strongly supports CR146-2021, and urges the council to unanimously approve this resolution to endorse the County Executive's intent to apply for membership with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE).

The work of the Racial Equity Task Force was a crucial step in Howard County's journey to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all. The Task Force identified many issues and problems and teed up dozens of critical recommendations. Becoming a member of GARE will help Howard County to effectively implement these recommendations, turning ideas into action, and actions into results.

Joining the GARE network will allow Howard County to access GARE's tools and resources, which are data-driven and focused on accountability and results. Becoming a GARE member will also allow Howard County the opportunity to learn from, and collaborate with, other jurisdictions both in the area and across the country.

GARE's work is built on the belief that the transformation of local government is essential for us to advance racial equity and is critical to our success as a nation. Howard Progressive Project shares that belief, and we know you do too. Please vote yes on CR146.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Newberger", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Newberger
Howard Progressive Project
1st Vice President & Treasurer



**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION**

I, Daniel Newberger, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Howard Progressive Project to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding CR146-2021 to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Daniel Newberger

Signature: 

Date: September 20, 2021

Organization: Howard Progressive Project

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Number of Members: 20

Name of Chair/President: Kelly Klinefelter Lee

This form can be submitted electronically via email to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov no later than 5pm the day of the Public Hearing or delivered in person the night of the Public Hearing before testifying.