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Good morning. The attached is CB 10 Testimony is submitted for County Council consideration by the Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition.

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**HOWARD COUNTY  
HOUSING AFFORDABILITY COALITION**

Council Bill 10 Testimony

February 28, 2025

Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Chair Walsh, Vice Chair Jones and Council Members,

On behalf of the Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition, I write in support of Council Bill 10 (CB10), which would establish a Notice and a Requirement to provide an offer to the County and Housing Commission to purchase Mobile Home Parks or Motels offered for sale in the County. This right of first refusal would be useful in acquiring properties for preservation or development of much needed affordable housing thereby contributing to the HoCo By Design General Plan annual goal of adding 340 new affordable units to the County's housing inventory.

The Coalition also supports Amendment No. 1 to CB10, which would allow the County or the Housing Commission to assign its purchasing rights to another entity that has been accepted through an annual solicitation process onto a "Qualified List of Assignees." As the County and Housing Commission have limited financial capacity, having private partners that have access to sources of capital beyond the County and Commission's reach could be very useful in exercising the right of first refusal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. We ask for your support of CB10 and Amendment No. 1. Please let me know if you have any questions about the Coalition's position.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jackie Eng*

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Coalition Coordinator

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*The Coalition is composed of 40 organizations and over 900 individual members and allies. Our goal is to achieve community understanding, policy making and regulatory decisions that will lead to an increase in—and equitable access to—Howard County affordable housing. We seek to contribute to a community- wide recognition that Howard County's economic vitality is dependent upon access to jobs, housing that individuals and families can afford, a quality educational system, and resident mobility.*