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Howard County Citizens Association

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CB 52-2025

Position: Favorable

Monday June 16, 2025

My name is Paul Verchinski. I am testifying for the nonprofit Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA). Founded in 1961, HCCA testifies regarding proposed legislation affecting the residents of Howard County and the State of Maryland. This written testimony has been authorized by the HCCA Board. Our website can be found at <https://howardcountyhcca.org>.

The Howard County Citizens Association requests a Favorable vote on CB 52 for the following reasons:

1. Commercial vehicles are being parked in residential areas and there are little or no financial penalties.
2. Substantial penalties included in this bill will get commercial vehicles off our residential streets with good enforcement by the Howard County Police Department (HCPD).
3. Tradespeople take their cars/trucks home and park them overnight on public streets instead of at their business locations.
4. I personally have requested that Civil Penalties be assessed by the HCPD in my residential area in Columbia and have seen little interest by police responding to the complaint. They seem to think because this area is a Columbia Village that the Villages are responsible for enforcement. This is not the case since these are public Howard County streets. The HCPD will need to be educated on CB52 if approved and enforcement needs to be fully carried out.

If the Council approves this Bill, will you guarantee your constituents that whenever violations are filed, they will be truly enforced? Without such a guarantee this positive proposed Bill becomes a negative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Verchinski
HCCA Board Member