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Howard County Citizens Association

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Date: 25 November 2025

Subject: **Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA) Comments to 2025 Delegation Bills**

Dear Delegation Members,

The Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA is testifying on the following proposed Bills. We have the following comments and questions we believe will improve these Bills and enlighten constituents.

We would appreciate feedback to our questions and suggestions so we may provide your response to our members, your constituents. The following are our comments.

Bill 13-2025 - Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) - Parking Space Requirements for New Construction:

Refer to Page 2, Lines 10 thru 14:

How will the proposal of having DPZ determine the number of parking spaces for new construction whether infrastructure for pedestrians could offset the need for any new construction be enforced?

How will this proposal be documented for any new construction? We would suggest it be included in writing in the Technical Staff Report by DPZ.

What are the consequences if DPZ does not abide by this proposed Bill?

Bill 15-2025 - Study on Detecting Deadly Weapons in Public Middle and High Schools:

What is the rationale of Elementary Schools not included in the review? There have been 417 school shootings since 1999 according to the data from the Washington Post which as you all know includes Elementary Schools which should in no way be exempt from such a survey.

What is currently not being done in the Howard County School System in an attempt to mitigate potential school shootings that warrants a study?

Will the Board of Education be soliciting for such a study to be outsourced?

Can you ensure the results of such a study will immediately be beneficial to the safety of our students?

What is the cost of this study?

Thank You,

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