



The Howard Progressive Project is a grassroots-funded, diverse group of progressives living in Howard County, Maryland, whose mission is to build a more just and equitable Howard County through a multi-faceted approach to advocacy, organizing, and political engagement.

The Howard Progressive Project stands proudly with Governor Moore's push for affordable housing in Maryland. SB 481/HB 693, SB 483/HB 599 and SB 484/HB 538 address Maryland's issues with housing in uniquely beneficial ways.

Due to exclusionary zoning, we have created a state where housing has become unaffordable for tens of thousands of Marylanders. SB 484/HB 599 is one big step in the right direction to legalizing housing in certain parts of our state by removing restrictive zoning barriers. This will increase socioeconomic and racial diversity in our communities in addition to improving the health of our housing-vulnerable neighbors by stabilizing their living situations. These zoning reforms will provide long-term but critical structural change to address our housing crisis.

To address the housing crisis in the short term, SB 481/HB 693 provides immediate relief to renters in protecting their rights to have affordable homes, as well as protecting their rights via a tenant's bill of rights. SB 483/HB 599 also provides much needed financial support to affordable housing programs through the establishment of the Maryland Community Investment Corporation, which will help the most vulnerable residents by investing in our low income communities.

We thank the members of the Howard County Delegation for their support of these important bills and the many Howard County organizations and residents who have also spoken in support of this package of bills. Although these bills will not solve our housing affordability crisis, they will put Maryland on the right path to creating a more equitable and just society for all.