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Bill No. 65-25											
2025-09-03 9:10:45	Janice	John	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	Please continue to creatively figure out ways to provide housing that is affordable to working people and retirees.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/68971/testimony-aaco-bill-65-25.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/68971/testimony-aaco-bill-65-25.pdf</a>
2025-09-12 11:09:38	Kurt	Svendsen	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	I support Bill 65-25, as amended. Please see the attached PDF file for my UPDATED written testimony on this subject.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69983/testimony-bill-65-25-for-09-15.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69983/testimony-bill-65-25-for-09-15.pdf</a>
2025-09-12 13:03:45	Elizabeth	Kopack	ARNOLD	MD	21012-2347	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	Thank you for your 6-1 vote on Sept. 2nd approving the amendment to Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used to determine the sliding scale in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit. The State program, which dictates the structure of this property tax program and the specific features which can be changed within County Supplements to this program, is not perfect. Nevertheless, I support Bill 65-25, as amended, because it will extend protection to thousands of low-income homeowners throughout Anne Arundel County. That is priority one. First: Stop the bleeding. Then: Review the results, and consider further improvements. These further improvements may require changes to State legislation. Please prioritize that with the County's State delegation. Thank you, Elizabeth C. Kopack 46 Sheridan RD Arnold, MD 21012	
2025-09-12 13:31:30	Timothy	Stevens	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	Please see attached written testimony. I ask you to vote Yes for the amended bill 65-25. Thank you.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70001/follow-on-testimony-in-support-of-amendment-to-council-bill-for-homeowner-tax-credit-v5.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70001/follow-on-testimony-in-support-of-amendment-to-council-bill-for-homeowner-tax-credit-v5.pdf</a>
2025-09-12 17:33:18	Gwendolyn	Davis	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	I am writing first to thank you for approving the amendment to Bill 65-25 to increase the income thresholds for qualification for the County Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program in addition to increasing the home assessment cap as proposed in the original bill. I also write to urge you to increase those income thresholds to fully account for inflation so the intended group of low income home owners are able to take advantage of the program.  I believe it was Councilmember Pickard who commented at the September 2 meeting that it has been recognized that we need to improve the ability of low income residents to own their home in Anne Arundel County and while we get opposition to making more lower income housing available (which we also need to do), fixing this program is a way to head in the right direction. I fully agree. It was also mentioned at that meeting that this could put Anne Arundel County in front of other counties, such as Montgomery County, with respect to the assessment cap and income thresholds for qualification. I believe this to be the perfect place to be out in front. Anne Arundel County should take pride in attracting people to own property in the county; the direct result of this is increased property values, making it that much more difficult for people with lower incomes to remain here.  I think that intuitively we all know that homeownership is good for our residents and our community, but the Habitat for Humanity Evidence Brief (attached) is an excellent summary, which is well supported by references, of the benefits. While prices for goods and services continue to climb at rates that out-pace wages, our citizens deserve this helping hand. But if that isn't enough (it is for me), it is actually an investment in our county.  The costs of this supplemental program are spread across many homeowners and I hope your working group efforts are able to show that those just out of range of qualification will contribute to a very minor degree, while those of us with higher incomes and higher assessments, who can well-afford this investment, will experience only the most reasonable increase. This is simply a bargain of an investment.  Hearing Camille Weefur speak about her mother at the September 2 meeting made it clear that participants in the program are immensely grateful for the help and do not consider it a "hand-out" but rather a life-line. I consider it social justice.  I hope you will pass Bill 65-25 and with income thresholds for qualification to fully reflect inflation so the program helps the residents it originally intended to help.  Thank you for your consideration and your work on the Council, Gwen Davis	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70055/evidence-brief_overview-of-homeownership-lores.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70055/evidence-brief_overview-of-homeownership-lores.pdf</a>

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2025-09-13 10:28:04	Thomas	Merrick	Annapolis	MD	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	I want to again express my support for the passage of this bill as amended. I appreciated the strong support given by the Council to the amendment when last considered, but some of the discussion at the hearing seemed to mis-characterize its intent and consequences. I feel strongly that bill should pass as amended without any action to water down or negatively affect its powerful impact for good. Taking this action is the right thing to do.	
2025-09-14 11:16:43	Matt	Minahan	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	Dear Madam Chair and Council Members,  Bill 65-25 will have a bigger effect on more people in AACo than just about anything else you will pass this year. It is targeted to those homeowners who are being swallowed up by property values and property taxes rising much faster than their incomes.  Thank you for your 6-1 vote on Sept. 2nd approving the amendment to Bill 65-25 to fully adjust for inflation the income tiers used to determine the sliding scale in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit.  I support Bill 65-25, as amended, because it will extend protection to thousands of low-income homeowners throughout Anne Arundel County. That is priority one. It will stop the bleeding now  In a year or two, when we see the results, then please consider a review of the results, and consider further improvements. But for now, this is the right thing to do.  I'm hoping this bill, as amended, has your vote. A unanimous vote would put this Council on record as standing up for those who have the least and need the most.  Thank you.  Matt Minahan 3651 1st Ave Edgewater, MD 21037 Council District 7	
2025-09-14 18:29:56	Hugh	Seabrook	Annapolis	Maryland	21409	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	Please see uploaded PDF.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70207/follow-on-to-consistency-in-tax-policy.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70207/follow-on-to-consistency-in-tax-policy.pdf</a>
2025-09-14 19:32:13	Camille	Weefur	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21061	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	I support Bill 65-25 as amended with income tiers fully updated to match inflation.  I will be speaking, but I am submitting my written script so that it is available to read later in the public record.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70216/written-testimony-for-bill-65-25-pt-2.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70216/written-testimony-for-bill-65-25-pt-2.pdf</a>
2025-09-15 10:30:36	Paula	Sparks	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Bill No. 65-25, as amended	Support	As an Anne Arundel County resident in District # I urge you to vote in favor of the amended Bill 65-25 that would fully adjust the income tiers for inflation, which is used to determine the sliding scale in the County Supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit. I support Bill 65-25, as amended, because it will extend protection to thousands of low-income homeowners throughout Anne Arundel County.	
Bill No. 67-25											
2025-09-12 13:03:46	Fletcher	Thompson	Annapolis	Maryland	21405	Yes		Bill No. 67-25	Oppose		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69997/counciltr.doc-2-1.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69997/counciltr.doc-2-1.docx</a>
Bill No. 68-25											
2025-09-15 8:45:00	Jessica	Wheeler	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 68-25	Support	I am writing in support of Bill 68-25. In addition to being a realtor with Douglas Realty, I am also part of the volunteer team at Rise Above Animal Rescue. For over two years, I have worked closely with the rescue to search for a commercial property that fits their needs and budget. Despite extensive effort, we have been unable to find a suitable option under the current zoning restrictions. This bill would provide rescues like Rise Above with a clearer path to secure a permanent facility, which is vital to their ability to continue saving lives and serving the community. For these reasons, I strongly support Bill 68-25 and respectfully urge its passage. Sincerely,Jessica Wheeler	

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2025-09-15 9:16:39	Amber	Hargett	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	Yes		Bill No. 68-25	Support	<p>Dear Members of the Anne Arundel County Council,</p> <p>I am writing to express my support for Bill No. 68-25, which seeks to amend zoning laws to better accommodate animal rescue operations. As a volunteer at Rise Above Animal Rescue, I see firsthand the challenges faced by small, nonprofit organizations in securing adequate facilities to care for the animals in our community.</p> <p>With limited resources, Rise Above has struggled to expand its operations to meet the growing demand for animal rescue services. Our current facility is unable to accommodate more animals or expand our adoption programs due to zoning restrictions. This legislation offers a crucial opportunity for animal rescues like ours to continue growing and providing services without the burden of zoning limitations that are often too restrictive for smaller, resource-constrained organizations.</p> <p>As an animal rescue, we do not engage in commercial activities such as breeding, boarding, or grooming, but our efforts are focused solely on rescuing animals, providing care, and facilitating adoptions. The proposed zoning changes outlined in Bill No. 68-25 would allow us to expand our services without disrupting the surrounding community. Specifically, the inclusion of conditions that protect residential areas—such as setbacks from residential properties and limits on the number of animals—will ensure that animal rescues are both effective and considerate of local residents.</p> <p>The reality is that without this type of zoning flexibility, many rescues may be forced to close their doors, and the burden of caring for abandoned, neglected, and stray animals will ultimately fall on our county's already stretched animal services. It is critical for the success of rescue organizations and the welfare of animals in our county that we pass legislation that allows animal rescues to thrive, helping both the animals and the community.</p> <p>I urge you to support Bill No. 68-25. The future of animal welfare in Anne Arundel County depends on the ability of organizations like Rise Above to grow and continue their vital work.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amber Hargett Volunteer, Rise Above Animal Rescue</p>	
2025-09-15 9:22:59	Joshua	Hargett	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	Yes		Bill No. 68-25	Support		
2025-09-15 9:38:54	Jordan	Alcaraz	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 68-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70262/bill-68-25.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70262/bill-68-25.docx</a>
2025-09-15 9:43:05	dianna	wolf	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 68-25	Support	<p>we have an abundance of animals that are neglected/forgotten/not wanted/ignored and it isn't always possible to get them into a shelter. most people who own/work in shelters also work normal 9-5 jobs. allowing them to operate in residential areas will make it easier on 1. the shelter owner/volunteer to help and support closer to home without having to drive all over for shelter and or care.</p> <p>2. makes it easier for people who find or want to give up animals - for any reason - get to a shelter easier and in some cases quicker.</p>	
Bill No. 70-25											
2025-09-09 20:09:38	Stacey	Norton	GLEN BURNIE	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 70-25	Support		
Bill No. 71-25											
2025-09-11 16:47:43	Matt	Minahan	Edgewater	MD	21037	No	Growth Action Net	Bill No. 71-25	Support	<p>Good evening, Madame Chair and Council Members,</p> <p>In an op ed in the Capital and a newsletter to our members, The Growth Action Network recently said that bill 71-25 as drafted should be rejected.</p> <p>We have since learned that amendments addressing our concerns will be submitted at the Council mtg on Monday, Sept 15th.</p> <p>We urge you to support the amendments. This program is too important to lose to special interests. Thank you for your support of the public campaign finance program and for supporting these important changes.</p> <p>Matt Minahan Chair Growth Action Network</p>	
2025-09-15 9:28:26	Spencer	Dixon	Laurel	Maryland	20724	No	Anne Arundel Co	Bill No. 71-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70261/written-testimony-on-bill-no-71-25.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70261/written-testimony-on-bill-no-71-25.pdf</a>
2025-09-15 10:43:38	Joanne	Antoine	Annapolis	MD	21401	No	Common Cause	Bill No. 71-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70287/testimony-on-bill-no-71-25-aaco.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70287/testimony-on-bill-no-71-25-aaco.docx</a>

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Bill No. 72-25											
2025-09-07 18:44:57	Taylor	Vogelpohl	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I am strongly against the over development that is occurring in our county. Neighborhoods should not be affected with increased traffic due to new constructions. This also poses a higher risk of accidents, especially with children and school buses.	
2025-09-08 16:55:51	Jamie	Salazar	Millersville	Md	21107	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-08 16:59:52	Robert	Habib	Severna park	MD	21146	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	There should be stricter road access requirements on development built under the workforce housing act. There should also be considerations around how an area is originally zoned when it comes to new development.	
2025-09-08 17:49:22	Anastasia	White	Severn	MD	21144	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	High density housing needs to have adequate road access. Anne Arundel county already has horrible traffic between the new high school and new housing roadways already get gridlocked. Where are all of these new vehicles going in an already over populated area?	
2025-09-08 18:03:35	Maddison	Habib	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-08 18:55:30	Solomon	Campbell	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-08 18:56:42	Dennis	Meyers	Glen Burnie	Md	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Put entering houses thru Freetown rd not in our neighborhood	
2025-09-08 20:30:24	Jason	Conti	Crofton	MD	21114	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-08 20:46:51	Stephen	Ross	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Packing all these houses into such a small area is not good for the local population. If I wanted to live in the city I would move there.	
2025-09-08 21:05:05	Linda	Nyang	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Support	
2025-09-08 21:27:40	Heidi	Randall	Severna Park	MD	21146	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-09 8:22:17	Katherine	Ferris	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support Bill #72-25. This proposed Workforce Housing Development will increase an already congested Spencer Road by an additional 340 +/- vehicles as there is only Spencer Road that leads to the main streets. People along Spencer Rd are already dealing with many, many delivery trucks from the Amazon warehouse on Solley Rd. My biggest fear is that a proposed residential road that will go past Freetown Elementary will be extremely dangerous to the young children who walk to school. Those K-5 students will be subjected to a flux of cars from the proposed development on their way to school just as workers are leaving for their jobs. We all guilty of going a little too fast when we're late for work. Some of These students may have never encountered a constant stream of cars along Addison Rd. In my humble opinion, this would be an accident waiting to happen. Please PASS this Bill, 72-25. Please vote YES for the safety of our children. Please support our neighbors and neighborhood. Thank you	
2025-09-09 9:00:30	Tyler	Maher	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-09 11:24:43	Savinski	Claude	Glen burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	"I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-09 14:28:53	Carolyn	Grant	Hanover	MD	21076	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25. I believe that high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads. Please keep our roads safe. Thank you.	
2025-09-09 17:01:31	Jennifer	Moulding	Millersville	MD	21108	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-09 17:46:40	Daniel	Cory	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Oppose		
2025-09-09 18:09:50	Jessica	Agnor	Severn	MD	21144	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Oppose		
2025-09-09 18:10:41	Jessica	Agnor	Severn	MD	21144	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-09 18:29:34	Debra	Parris	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-09 19:08:44	Mary	MacKellar	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Oppose	Us and our neighbors have had nothing but problems with electricity, crime, and very heavy street volume. We are over loaded in the Marley, Glen Burnie area.	
2025-09-09 20:09:10	Fenton	Horton Jr.	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-10 4:33:49	Tina	Belford	Linthicum Height	MD	21090	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-10 8:47:42	Elaine	Colby	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Fight against irresponsible development.	
2025-09-10 12:12:33	Mandy	Sleight	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density worfforce housing in R5 communities must have sufficient road access and should NOT be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-10 13:42:08	annette	sanders	Linthicum	MD	21090	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I have seen, over and over, small parcels of land in AA co being rezoned and then developed. There have been 3 just in Linthicum that I am aware. Linthicum is an older community, with many areas being developed and infrastructure in place for 40, 50, 60 to 80 years. The streets are narrow and were developed when most families had a max of one car. Now families have 3, 4 for more cars.	
2025-09-10 15:23:37	Juan	Alfaro	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-10 18:29:21	Kurt	Gavin	Pasadena	Md	21122	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-10 19:43:08	Mandie	Malloy	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads. Schools must also be built to support any massive community build.	
2025-09-10 23:55:32	Jahaira	Tisdale	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-11 9:09:25	Jessica	Bissett	Glen burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Oppose	Traffic terrible already, and yall refuse to fix the already broken roads that the new home residents would have to drive on.	

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2025-09-11 12:38:51	Solomon	Campbell	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	This bill is about access (Entrance in/out) of a small community that has no primary roads into it and no space to put one, only lights for control.	
2025-09-11 13:05:32	Ann	Wood	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-11 15:33:54	Nicole	Vaughn	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-11 15:34:57	Lewis	Pressley	Glen burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-11 19:31:51	Rhonda	Bouyer	Pasadena	Md	21133	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-11 20:58:58	ANITA	PATEL	GLEN BURNIE	MD	21060-8265	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Bill 72-25 is not a step backwards when it comes to the Workforce Housing Act- it is an additional support structure that will ensure the act is used appropriately and effectively and in a way that is sustainable for the community.  Ensuring the correct foundation is in place so that the Workforce Housing Act can be utilized successfully, without leaving the first communities as “guinea pigs”, is not a step backward but instead just an assurance that when the developers are using the act, not only the new homes but the existing constituents and communities are taken into consideration.  The “workforce”- those families or those earners at 80% of our average median income for the county ALSO deserve to live in neighborhoods that are thought out- where traffic mitigation and road access have been seriously considered and not just houses jammed into places where they logistically just don’t fit. Irresponsible and over development benefits no one.	
2025-09-12 9:38:13	ANGELA	DELOZIER	BALTIMORE	MARYLAND	21226	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-12 15:34:16	Deborah	Speares	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads. Traffic is already a nightmare, and the addition of 171 townhomes is irresponsible development. 171 townhomes would also overburden our schools.	
2025-09-12 15:59:55	Jaki	Bell	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-12 16:01:23	Kiana	Teixeira	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads	
2025-09-12 17:53:37	Cassandra	Wingfield	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	"I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-12 19:24:56	Sarah	Tucker	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-12 22:22:49	Steven	McCracken	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-12 22:30:15	Mylita	Rawlings	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-13 11:33:26	Belinda	Thomas	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-13 12:11:57	Kimberly	Baesch	Glen Burnie	Md	21061	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Please SUPPORT me and bill 72-25.  <a href="https://www.aacounty.org/county-council/meetings/meeting-participation/legislative-testimony">https://www.aacounty.org/county-council/meetings/meeting-participation/legislative-testimony</a>  You can write your own statement or the short statement below:  "I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-13 13:05:58	Brenda	Harris	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-13 13:16:10	Kyle	Nembhard	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	These remarks supplement my oral testimony on 9/15.  I would like to counter Councilwoman Pickards remarks during the 9/9 work session regarding the Bill.  I think it is intellectually dishonest to base her comments purely on the topic of affordable housing. Bill 72-25 has nothing to do with affordable housing. I received NO response from Councilwoman Pickard when requestring she visit the area surrounding the Nixon Property. This is tone def and unbecoming of someone who wishes to seek higher office.  Bill 72-25 is about redponsible landuse and transportation planning. Ensuring that new development has the appropriate transportation infrastructure to support it is cruvial for sustainability. Passing of this bill still results in a net gain in housing for the County. This does not preclude the inclusion of affordable housing.  We would be open to the council offering suggestions on ways to improve Bill 72-25.  I want to thank all other council members that have responded to emails, and/or saw the Nixon property for themselves, or acknowledged the actual substance of the bill.	



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2025-09-13 14:18:31	Ronald	Davis	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads. The amount of undue issues that can be prevented from not overloading roads that cant handle it should be taken into consideration.	
2025-09-13 15:04:01	Reglen	Corpus	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-13 15:05:44	Alan and Michele	Barnett	Arnold	MD	21012	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Stop irresponsible development	
2025-09-13 18:30:21	Vickie	McCann	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-13 18:31:14	Henry	McCann	Glen Burnie	MD	21060-8246	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-13 19:53:00	Joseph	Skipper	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	It's irresponsible to develop areas without the proper infrastructure to support them.	
2025-09-13 19:55:13	Terri	Skipper	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-13 20:44:24	Mark	Brown	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-14 11:25:40	Sharon	Hinks	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads The traffic is high in the area, need major roads put in for traffic access!!!!!!	
2025-09-14 15:14:58	Marie	Kirchner	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Anne Arundel County needs Bill 72-25 in order to create stricter road access requirements in the Workforce Housing Act. This will modify the Workforce Housing Act with a reduced density for the lower classification roads and for this development.	
2025-09-14 15:21:16	Mark	Quinichett	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Anne Arundel County Council 44 Calvert Street Annapolis, MD 21401 Dear Members of the Anne Arundel County Council, I am writing to express my strong support for Bill 72-25, which proposes stricter road access requirements under the Workforce Housing Act. As a resident of Anne Arundel County, I believe this legislation is essential for ensuring that new developments are planned responsibly, with adequate infrastructure to support increased traffic and maintain the quality of life in our communities. Of particular concern to me is the proposed Spencer Glen project, located in close proximity to my home within an established single-family home development. This project seeks to construct 171 townhomes, which could introduce more than 520 additional vehicles to the area. Given the lack of nearby public transportation options, it is reasonable to anticipate that nearly every adult household member in these new units would rely on personal vehicles for daily commuting and errands. Unfortunately, the current plans do not include secondary road access, which would exacerbate traffic congestion on existing roadways and pose significant safety risks for residents. Approving developments like Spencer Glen without sufficient infrastructure improvements undermines thoughtful community planning and could lead to overburdened roads, increased accident rates, and diminished neighborhood livability. Bill 72-25 addresses these very issues by mandating more rigorous standards for road access, helping to prevent such ill-conceived projects from moving forward. I urge the Council to pass this bill to protect our communities from unsustainable growth. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I am available to discuss my concerns further and would appreciate any updates on the bill's progress. Sincerely, Mark Quinichett	
2025-09-14 16:06:18	Davin	Bobo	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads. I am appalled at the high density over growth that has taken place in Northern Anne Arundel County. I have lived in this county for over 30 years and the last 5 years of traffic increase due to the over building in the county is horrible. The Priority Funding Areas (PFAs) designated locations are understandable but the way they have been executed has destroyed the enjoyable, peaceful living in the older middle class communities.	
2025-09-14 16:11:50	Benjamin	Mclarin	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25. High density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-14 16:19:05	Howard	Kirchner	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support councilman Volke's bill because we do not have the road infrastruture to handle the increased traffic density in Anne Arundel County.	
2025-09-14 16:27:03	Michelle	Lafalaise	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25. High density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-14 16:30:14	Jerrold	Wingfield	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Oppose	I support bill 72-25. High density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-14 16:31:54	Darius	Thomas	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	

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2025-09-14 16:52:37	Juanita	Floyd	Glen Burnie	MD	21060-8245	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	"I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."  Written comments can be submitted here (due by 11am on 9/15):	
2025-09-14 21:10:47	Timothy	Swann	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Oppose	As the council knows, Anne Arundel County, like other local Maryland jurisdictions, has a lack of affordable housing. Recent legislation has been enacted to start to address this issue. However, bill 72-25 will limit what's been accomplished. As an educator, affordable housing is an issue near and dear to the heart of my colleagues and other Anne Arundel County public employees who cannot afford to live close to their place of work or even in the county. Please vote no Bill 72-25.	
2025-09-14 21:17:17	Jigna	Patel	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	Good afternoon my name is Jigna Patel  I'm here to testify in support of Bill 72-25.  You'll hear a lot testimony tonight about the need for more affordable housing. But I think it's important to remember that you can support more affordable housing and at the same time understand the importance of adequate infrastructure.  With the addition of Housing Attainability Act going into effect this year there are ample opportunities for responsible development.  But I would like to take a look at this bill on a more granular level.  Bill 72-25 does not stop Workforce Housing developments. It's a small change to adjust for adequate infrastructure, in this case, road access.  In the letter from the Maryland Department of Housing they mention "building with density without overwhelming local infrastructure". That's exactly what bill 72-25 does. This bill allows for a 200% density bonus in R5 communities when there's adequate road access available. Isn't that the definition of density without overwhelming local infrastructure?  It's important for this County to find a balance between development and infrastructure. The idea of appropriate roadways shouldn't be controversial. High density housing should have adequate road access. When road access is more limited, the density should be reduced.  The response from planning zoning when asked about traffic impact is that they simply follow the code. Which is why we need to change the code.  Bill 72-25 is about finding a smart balanced approach to development.  Thank you	
2025-09-14 21:19:29	Brittany	Harmon	Glen Burnie	maryland	21061	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support Bill 72-25 because no one deserves to live in overdeveloped, overcrowded areas with inadequate road access just for the sake of creating housing.	
2025-09-14 21:20:57	Andrew	Harmon	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21061	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support Bill 72-25 because no one deserves to live in overdeveloped, overcrowded areas with inadequate road access just for the sake of creating housing.	
2025-09-15 4:44:29	Flora	Wilson	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads."	
2025-09-15 6:37:28	Tanya	Blackwell	GLEN BURNIE	MD	21060-8243	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-15 7:05:38	Sheri	Brown	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-15 7:20:24	Michael	Routier	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25. High density Workforce Housing must have adequate road access for the number of units being constructed. This bill ensures that our local and collector roads do not exceed capacity and will remain safe for our families and children that live on them.	
2025-09-15 7:21:08	Solomon	Campbell	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	No	Spencer Glen	Bill No. 72-25	Support	The population density planned for this area would decrease the standard of living.	
2025-09-15 7:45:22	Bia	Atkin	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		
2025-09-15 7:58:16	Linda	Hanifin Bonner	Annapolis	MD	21401	No	Anne Arundel Co	Bill No. 72-25	Oppose		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70243/act-statement-72-25_0.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70243/act-statement-72-25_0.pdf</a>
2025-09-15 8:01:37	Kirit	Patel	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-15 9:04:29	Daniel	Phillips	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support		

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2025-09-15 9:45:46	Justin	Brown	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	<p>I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed development plans by Bluestone Builders LLC to construct 171 townhomes on Hartwell Road in Glen Burnie, Maryland. As a resident living directly adjacent to the proposed development site, I have several significant concerns regarding the negative impacts this project would have on the neighborhood and surrounding areas.</p> <p><b>Traffic Infrastructure Inadequacies</b> Hartwell Road is the only roadway that would serve as the entry and exit point for the proposed development. As it stands, this private road is narrow and already struggles to support existing neighborhood traffic. Adding 171 townhomes would lead to a dramatic increase in vehicular congestion, creating a severe bottleneck in an area with no viable alternative routes. This development threatens to exacerbate an already challenging traffic situation, which poses safety risks and reduces the quality of life for current residents.</p> <p><b>Exacerbation of Pre-Existing Traffic Issues</b> The increased traffic stemming from this development would further strain the neighborhood's existing infrastructure. Morning and afternoon traffic already backs up significantly due to bus stops located on Spencer Drive and Dublin Drive, both of which connect to Hartwell Road. The addition of such a large influx of vehicles would turn an already problematic situation into a daily ordeal, endangering pedestrians, children at bus stops, and other residents trying to navigate the area.</p> <p>This concern is deeply personal to me and my family. Three years ago, a child in our neighborhood was struck by a car while riding his bike on Hartwell Road. This child was a close friend of my son, who witnessed the entire incident and called 911 to explain the situation so an ambulance could be dispatched. This tragic event highlights the current dangers posed by traffic in the area. Increasing vehicular activity would only heighten the risk of similar accidents occurring in the future, further endangering the safety of our children and community members.</p> <p><b>Potential for Increased Crime</b> Currently, Cedar Point has been fortunate to avoid much of the crime seen in surrounding neighborhoods, largely due to its secluded location and dense wooded borders. The proposed development would not only increase visibility to our area but also bring additional traffic, potentially inviting criminal activity. Increased population density would stretch already strained local public safety services, such as police, fire, and emergency responders, leaving the community more vulnerable to thefts and break-ins.</p> <p><b>Strain on Public Services and Resources</b> The Marley Neck area has experienced significant residential growth in recent years, which has already placed a burden on local infrastructure and services. Adding 171 new townhomes would further strain resources such as schools, healthcare services, and public safety departments, negatively impacting the overall welfare of the community.</p> <p><b>Landscape and Drainage Issues</b> The current landscape in Cedar Point and the surrounding streets of Dublin and Spencer is already plagued with poor drainage, leading to frequent flooding and standing water issues in residents' yards. Heavy rains result in large pools of water that take days to dissipate, damaging properties and creating breeding grounds for pests such as mosquitoes, snakes, bats and bees (we've had to solicit pest services for each of these separately).</p> <p>A development of this magnitude, involving substantial land clearing and alterations, is likely to exacerbate these problems. Increased impervious surfaces, such as roads and building foundations, would further disrupt the natural drainage patterns, leading to even worse flooding and water retention issues for existing homes. Additionally, the current drainage systems are not equipped to handle this kind of added pressure, posing a serious risk of long-term water management problems for both the new development and existing neighborhoods. These unresolved issues already frustrate residents and diminish property values—adding 171 townhomes will only magnify these concerns.</p> <p>In conclusion, the proposed development on Hartwell Road presents numerous challenges that would significantly and negatively impact the quality of life for existing residents. The inadequate road infrastructure, heightened traffic concerns, potential for increased crime, strain on public services, and unresolved landscape and drainage issues all point to this project being unsustainable and detrimental to the neighborhood.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to consider the severe implications of this development and strongly advocate for the rejection of these plans. Protecting the safety, stability, and well-being of our community should remain a top priority. Thank you for your time and attention to this pressing matter. I am happy to discuss this further or provide additional details if needed.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Justin Brown</p>	



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2025-09-15 9:45:47	Jean	McCracken	Pasadena	MD	21122	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads	
2025-09-15 9:48:28	Jon	Unterseh	Glen Burnie	Maryland	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-15 10:50:21	Ron	Warczynski	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	<p>I STRONGLY SUPPORT bill 72-25. With the passage of bill 19-24 (and also 72-24), developers have been given the opportunity to overdevelop in R5 areas whose roadways cannot handle the traffic associated with the volume of housing that is being proposed by developers and they are now exploiting these bills.</p> <p>Additionally, Bill 72-25 should be expanded to include ALL housing (including MPDUs) and not just workforce housing within R5 areas. There is no reason that housing should be built on roadways that cannot handle the traffic regardless of the type of housing that is being built.</p> <p>If Anne Arundel County really wants to increase the amount of housing (affordable and workforce) available, clearing out every last piece of wooded area at the end of small R5 neighborhoods is NOT the answer without building the necessary infrastructure to support it.</p> <p>The county needs to look at already cleared, run-down or abandoned locations with major roadway access (i.e. Marley Station, along Ritchie Hwy, etc) and build large, TALL, dense housing that will also minimize the environmental impact these new developments are creating. There are now deer in my front yard regularly because they no longer have anywhere to go. All of their land is being cleared.</p> <p>Stop building spread-out townhouses and stacked townhouses that will go for \$350K - 450K+ (which is still not affordable) that clear large acres of land that then need parking lots attached to them. Start building large residential complexes with 100+ units that are 10 - 20 stories tall. Build a parking garage below it to minimize the square footage that is being utilized and the environmental impact.</p> <p>There are many ways to increase available housing in the county, but putting large developments inside of small R5 neighborhoods that cannot handle it is not the answer. This bill begins to address the serious shortcomings of Bill 19-24. The fact that 19-24 passed 5–2 is not a reason to ignore its flaws. In fact, it is the council's duty to revisit these bills when it is clearly being exploited in ways that harm existing communities. Refusing to make adjustments simply because of how a vote went last year is not leadership. Good governance means acknowledging where issues have come up and correcting them before permanent damage is done to our neighborhoods.</p> <p>Bill 72-25 is the first necessary step in that direction, and it should be expanded to ensure that ALL forms of housing (MPDUs as well as workforce housing) are subject to the same safeguards.</p>	
2025-09-15 10:51:18	Pat	Warczynski	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	I strongly support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-15 10:58:26	Barbara	Teal	Glen Burnie	MD	21060	Yes		Bill No. 72-25	Support	<p>I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.</p> <p>This bill needs to be expanded to include all types of housing in R5 communities and not just workforce housing.</p>	
Bill No. 75-25											
2025-09-08 15:47:30	Hazen	Arnold	Chester	MD	21619	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	Please accept our families letter of endorsement for Rivers Edge.	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69511/endorsement-letter-for-rivers-edge.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69511/endorsement-letter-for-rivers-edge.pdf</a>
2025-09-08 21:25:22	Megan	Bower	Glen burnie	Md	21060	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	I support bill 72-25, high density Workforce Housing in R5 communities must have adequate road access and should not be built on local or collector roads.	
2025-09-09 11:58:45	Emma	Rogers	ANNAPOLIS	MD	21401	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69617/supportofnatureimmersion.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69617/supportofnatureimmersion.pdf</a>
2025-09-09 22:27:13	Raymond	Shulman	Huntingtown	MD	20639	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69699/shulman.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69699/shulman.pdf</a>

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2025-09-11 13:55:09	Tai	Willyard	Dunkirk	MD	20754	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	<p>To the Members of the Anne Arundel County Council,</p> <p>I'm writing to share my strong support for River's Edge, a nature enrichment program that has had a profound impact on my family. River's Edge offers something truly rare: a nurturing, outdoor environment where children can grow emotionally, socially, and spiritually through direct connection with the natural world.</p> <p>Our son Teddy was deeply affected by the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, compounded by the emotional toll of my ongoing illness. During that difficult time, River's Edge became a healing and stabilizing force in his life. Through time outdoors, unstructured play, and connection with thoughtful mentors, Teddy found his way back to joy, confidence, and connection.</p> <p>River's Edge helped him rebuild what the pandemic and our personal challenges had undermined: his sense of self, belonging, and emotional resilience.</p> <p>The experience was so meaningful that we now send our daughter, Xan, as well. Watching both of our children thrive in a setting that honors curiosity, community, and the natural world has only strengthened our belief in the program's value.</p> <p>River's Edge is not just enrichment—it's essential. It provides children with space to breathe, explore, and reconnect with what truly matters. It fosters mental health, creativity, and a deep sense of belonging in a world that too often pulls kids away from themselves and from nature.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the Council to recognize the tremendous value River's Edge brings—not only to Anne Arundel County families, but to families across the region—and to ensure it has the support and resources it needs to continue its vital work.</p> <p>With sincere gratitude,</p> <p>Tai Willyard</p>	
2025-09-11 15:37:52	Jessica	Farrell	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	<p>Dear Members of the County Council,</p> <p>I am writing to you today in reference to Bill 75-25 that supports youth nature immersion programs.</p> <p>I have worked in both public and private schools for the past five years. The summer of 2024, I spent a week at a local private school camp where I met a very sweet child. Despite his kind nature, he faced significant behavior challenges, and as far as I know, he was not invited back.</p> <p>In early summer of 2025, I began working as a forest guide at Rivers Edge Forest Play. This summer gave me the opportunity to acclimate to this new and inspiring experience—watching children play, learn, and grow socially and emotionally in nature. It also prepared me for this fall, when I stepped into my role as a guide for their LearningLab nature program.</p> <p>To my surprise, that same sweet child from the private school camp joined my LearningLab group. I immediately recognized his face, but I hardly recognized his behavior. He was calm, kind, and engaged. He worked beautifully with the other children, and I witnessed none of the challenges we had seen in the private school setting.</p> <p>I truly believe that his exposure to the forest environment and this unique way of learning and exploring has been transformative. It has been the best experience for him, and I am thrilled to watch him grow socially, emotionally, and relationally as he makes friends and thrives at Rivers Edge Forest Play.</p> <p>This experience has shown me how powerful nature-based learning can be, and I hope you will ensure other children have the same opportunity to grow and thrive.</p> <p>With respect and gratitude, Jessica Farrell 503 Birch Drive Annapolis, MD 21403 267-973-6608 jessicaannfarrell@gmail.com</p>	
2025-09-12 9:25:51	Meagan	Heup	Shady Side	Md	20764	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69969/final-re-letter.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/69969/final-re-letter.pdf</a>

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2025-09-12 16:41:05	Colleen	Clash	Elkridge	Maryland	21075	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	I am an Occupational Therapist with a long relationship with Rivers Edge Forest Play; working there for one summer in 2016, then beginning full time from 2019 when I graduated with my Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. I have planned and implemented therapeutic groups, provided individual occupational therapy sessions, been a forest play guide for the school year program, and planned and led summer camp programs. Through these experiences I have built deep relationships with children, families, staff and the community. Rivers Edge Forest Play is a very unique and special place that fills the gap left by other organizations and systems for children. Forest Play programs and summer camps are a place where children of a variety of ages can build social skills through play in a non-judgemental, unrushed environment while being fully immersed in nature. These programs see kids learn, grow and thrive year after year. The biggest areas that I have personally seen growth are in confidence in themselves, learning how to engage with others appropriately and kindly, building resilience through being outdoors in all weather, freedom to be themselves without restraint, physical development at an astonishing rate, independence and problem solving, taking responsibility for themselves, learning about the forest ecosystem and developing a strong desire to protect this environment. These are not skills that children are developing in other programs built for them. The school systems, organized sports and activities are an important part of childhood and they are missing a vital element; time to learn and grow without an agenda. Children desperately need time to move their bodies however they want and need, explore the world through all their senses and be free to be themselves. Being outdoors is an important aspect of these programs. In a world where kids are glued to screens and often being told to sit still this is a much needed alternative. As an occupational therapist who also works in preschools and outpatient centers, the need for this kind of program is evident. Children are not developing physical or emotional skills or sensory exploration at the same rate as previous generations. While the forest play programs are not specifically for children with disabilities, this type of program does attract many kids who have not done well in typical settings; such as kids who need to move and explore the world more intensely and need more concrete opportunities for practicing social interactions. For years, Rivers Edge has been running these unique programs and with this legislation I hope many others will be able to provide similar opportunities for children throughout the county. Then, other counties may copy and develop these types of programs throughout the state.	
2025-09-12 19:13:31	Marina	Massino	Edgewater	MD	21037	No	River's Edge For	Bill No. 75-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70066/letter-of-support-bill-number-75.25.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70066/letter-of-support-bill-number-75.25.docx</a>
2025-09-14 10:52:12	Gabriela	Camacho D'Andr	Prince Frederick	Maryland	20678	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70162/river-s-edge-support-letter.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70162/river-s-edge-support-letter.pdf</a>
2025-09-14 13:39:12	Ivy	Connelly	Annapolis	MD	21403	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support		<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70182/pronatureimmersion.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70182/pronatureimmersion.pdf</a>
2025-09-14 19:10:28	Meghan	Bonner-Nicholson	Chesapeake Bea	MD	20732	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>When COVID restrictions were in place it made it extremely hard for me to find activities for my 3 year old daughter. As a first time mother I was heartbroken knowing my child would not have social opportunities at such an impactful age. Until I heard that Rivers Edge Forest Play was still able to meet the COVID guidelines since their programs were outdoors. I immediately called to inquire and the following week our daughter Rylynn was having the "best day ever" she went from a shy quiet in public little girl to a confident kind and resilient Child. We loved the nature immersion aspect. My Three year old could identify so many plants and elements of nature I was very impressed. Not only did this give her a social outlet, it taught her a respect for the environment and ways to use nature to enhance her imagination. A stick could become a magical broom to ride on, or a horse companion. Our family fell in love with the program we have chosen to homeschool so we can continue to use their nature program. Now both of our daughters go there. The world needs more time spent in nature. The impact on their emotional regulation, imagination and foundation of respect is connected to this program. I hope more programs around the county, state and country can be developed. It is what our youth need in a time that is inundated with technology and stimulation.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Meghan Nicholson</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70215/img_1284.jpeg">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70215/img_1284.jpeg</a>

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2025-09-14 21:35:05	Jenny	Simpson	Prince Frederick	MD	20678	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	<p>Jenny Simpson 1595 Mallard Point Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678 301-848-9326</p> <p>September 14, 2025</p> <p>Anne Arundel County Council Arundel Center 44 Calvert Street Annapolis, MD 21401</p> <p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for River's Edge Forest Play's zoning request. As a parent, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact this nature enrichment program has had on my daughter over the past four years.</p> <p>Since she was four years old, my daughter struggled with an anxiety disorder. The immersive, nature-based structure of River's Edge Forest Play has been instrumental in helping her overcome this challenge. The program has fostered remarkable growth in her social skills and confidence, enabling her to thrive in ways we could not have imagined.</p> <p>As a complement to our homeschool curriculum, River's Edge provides a structured opportunity for my daughter to spend extended time in nature, significantly enhancing her sense of well-being. This unique program is an invaluable asset to our community, promoting both personal growth and a deep connection to the natural world.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to approve River's Edge Forest Play's zoning request to ensure this vital program can continue to benefit children like my daughter. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jenny Simpson</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70224/refp-letter.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70224/refp-letter.pdf</a>
2025-09-15 7:34:48	Christina	Peake	Edgewater	MD	21037	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	<p>My name is Christina Peake. I began working at Rivers Edge Forest Play as a seasonal employee last summer and quickly realized how impactful this program is for the children, myself, and decided to stay on full time in our ForestPLAY program and Therapy groups.</p> <p>What makes Rivers Edge so powerful is that it meets the children where they are developmentally and gives them what so many children are missing in today's world. The American Academy of Pediatrics proves that time spent in nature reduces stress, improves focus, emotional regulation, and executive functions skills like working memory and impulse control. In developing brains, these are extremely important skills that need to be developed early in life.</p> <p>I've seen this firsthand: children who often struggle to sit still or stay engaged in classrooms are able to stay fully absorbed for HOURS tracking animal prints, climbing fallen logs, or exploring the creek. In these moments, their focus and attention is not forced— it's naturally sustained. You can truly see their confidence grow as they realize they are capable of focusing, problem-solving, and overcoming challenges. I've also witnessed children navigating conflict in real time— negotiating turns at a climbing spot, deciding how best to cross the creek, or supporting a nervous friend. These moments may seem small and unimpactful, but they are powerful building blocks to build resilience, social skills, delayed gratification skills, and emotional regulation.</p> <p>At the same time, the access to risky play— climbing, balancing, testing boundaries— things children need to develop essential skills— has declined dramatically. In many neighborhoods, outdoor play has been reduced to the same cookie-cutter playground, filled with plastic mulch, that is designed to minimize almost all risk. The problem is, this removes all opportunities for kids to test their limits. When outdoor play becomes too easy or unexciting, children often turn away and choose screens or indoor activities with immediate satisfaction.</p> <p>Rivers Edge Forest Play is giving kids something their bodies and minds truly need— a space to freely play, take healthy risks, and develop resilience and independence. Without programs like ours, many of today's youth would not have access to these critical experiences. The growth I have witnessed in my year+ at Rivers Edge has been remarkable.</p> <p>I urge you to support REFP so we can continue to provide a safe and supportive place in nature for our children to grow into strong, amazing humans. Thank you for your time.</p>	
2025-09-15 9:58:56	Tamara	Della-Camera	Crownsville	Maryland	21032	Yes		Bill No. 75-25	Support	<p>Attached Letter of support</p>	<a href="https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70271/bill-75_25-tamara-dellacamera.docx">https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_legislative_testimony/70271/bill-75_25-tamara-dellacamera.docx</a>

September 15, 2025

County Council of Anne Arundel County  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD, 21401

Re: Bill No. 72-25 – Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Workforce Housing

Dear Council Chair Hummer and Members of the County Council,

On behalf of Fello, we write in opposition of Bill No. 72-25 – Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Workforce Housing

Fello employs over 600 people and serves more than 4,000 children and adults with disabilities, along with their families, in Anne Arundel County and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Fello's mission is to support people with disabilities in living the lives they choose by creating opportunities, promoting respect and equity, and fostering inclusion in their communities. One way we foster inclusivity is through providing beautiful, safe, and accessible affordable rental housing for tenants ranging from low-income to market-rate renters.

Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland have made great strides in promoting increased housing opportunities, including affordable and accessible housing options. The creation and expansion of workforce housing is one tool that helps meet the significant need, while partnering with developers to make this vision possible through density revisions.

This bill would undermine the progress being made in Anne Arundel County. Bill No. 72-25 would reduce existing density for workforce housing in R5 zones based on access to collector or lower-classification roads.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge an unfavorable report on Bill No. 72-25.

Sincerely,



**Jonathon Rondeau**  
President and CEO

**fello.**

**fello.org**  
410.269.1883







Kaley Schultze &lt;ccschu24@aacounty.org&gt;

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**Fwd: Workforce housing bill**

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**Allison Pickard** <Allison.Pickard@aacounty.org>  
To: Kaley Schultze <ccschu24@aacounty.org>

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 12:23 PM

Kaley,  
Please add to the testimony for this Bill.  
Kristin

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jody Conway** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 12:05 PM  
Subject: Workforce housing bill  
To: <allison.pickard@aacounty.org>

Councilmember Pickard,

Please vote against the workforce housing bill this evening. I'm a lifelong resident of Anne Arundel county and a 20-year resident of Glen Burnie. I've raised my five children here and the reality of them being able to raise their families in Anne Arundel county is becoming less likely each year. Three of our children are college graduates, two with master's degrees, two are trade professionals and none of them can afford to purchase a starter home in Anne Arundel county.

I know these are selfish reasons for wanting affordable housing in AA Co. I would ask you to vote against it even if I didn't have a personal interest.

Best regards,

Jody Conway  
[REDACTED] Glen Burnie, MD 21060

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Allison M. Pickard

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