

**HB 348
FAVORABLE**

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE – MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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TO: Chairman Barnes, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the House Appropriations Committee

As a graduate of the **Maryland Certified Public Manager® Program** and the Director of the Office of Community Engagement, testifying as an individual in favor of **HB 348**, I strongly support this training program. My statement on this matter does not represent The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

As a public servant for the past 17-years, this program is vital to the successful development of public managers. It has equipped me to become a better leader in my current role and afforded me the opportunity to support the NextGen Leaders for Public Service internship program. The Maryland Certified Public Manager Program is cutting edge and is setting the stage for our future leaders by equipping them with the necessary skills required to become successful public servants.

Request to Support HB 348

I urge you to continue to fund this program by delivering a favorable report on HB 348.

Thank you,
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