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**Testimony in Support of SB1038 – Anne Arundel County –
Human Relations Commission – Subpoena Enforcement**

Mister Chair, Mister Vice Chair, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

For the record, Senator Dawn Gile, District 33

This bill is a local bill sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Senators and requested by County Executive Stuart Pittman. The bill will grant the Human Relations Committee of Anne Arundel County subpoena authority, the same authority already granted to the State Human Relations Commission. The County's Human Relations Commission is currently empowered to receive, mediate, and adjudicate complaints of discrimination in housing; and to initiate and investigate matters related to discrimination in housing. As amended, the bill would allow the Human Relations Commission to seek enforcement of a subpoena at the Circuit Court in the same manner as the State Commission. I am joined at the table today by County Executive Pittman's Director of Government Relations, Ethan Hunt, as well as County Attorney Greg Swain.

Per the Fiscal Note, the bill does not require any additional state or local resources, nor does it have any small business effect. I therefore respectfully request a favorable with amendment report on SB1038.