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Peter Auchincloss  
Chair, Baltimore City Planning Commission  
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Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Auchincloss:

I am a resident of the \_\_\_\_\_ district of Baltimore City. In your position as Chair of the Planning Commission, I'm writing to urge you and Commission members to support Inclusionary Housing Bill 06-0558—a bill that offers strong housing solutions for working families throughout Baltimore City. I also support strengthening the legislation further to include clear income targets for homeownership or rental of the affordable units for extremely low income (below 30% AMI) and very low income households (below 50% AMI).

I believe the City needs to grow, but in a way that includes the residents of this city who've stuck it out through thick and thin. This means going beyond addressing the housing challenges of teachers and firefighters to include home health aides, parking lot attendants, school bus drivers and the custodians who clean the halls of City Hall and City agencies. All components of this bill are critical to addressing this challenge, including the reasonable requirement of 10% inclusionary in a development of 30 or more units where there is no major rezoning or public subsidy. Regardless of where a developer is building, the development will have an impact on what our communities are going to be like. I want to see communities that make a home for all the people who make this city work.

I encourage you to work collaboratively with the Inclusive Housing Coalition and City residents to see how we can get a comprehensive bill passed. A strong bill that yields real opportunities for everyone is a win for everyone. The City needs to get smart about its financial investments and the way it invests in its people. Putting all low-income residents in distressed areas is not a wise investment and it hasn't done much for us as a City. **Investing in inclusive homes across the city means that we're serious about investing in the people who make the city go.**

I appreciate all the hard work you do for our City and thank you in advance for your commitment to helping us grow in an inclusive way.

Sincerely,

Baltimore City Resident

Cc: Council Member