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The Honorable Eric C. Olson, Chair  
Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee  
Prince George's County Council  
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building  
1301 McCormick Drive  
Largo, MD 20774

**RE: CB-003-2025 – The Office of Permitting Ombudsman**

Dear Chair Olson,

The Prince George's County Association of REALTORS® (PGCAR) Legislative Committee has reviewed CB-003-2025, The Office of Permitting Ombudsman. On behalf of our 3,000 members, I wish to inform you of our **OPPOSITION**.

CB-003-2025, proposes the establishment of the Office of Permitting Ombudsman within the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE). The Association applauds the sponsor of the bill and appreciates the intent of streamlining the permitting process and providing support to small businesses and homeowners. However, there are some concerns with respect to the legislation potentially creating more bureaucracy and inefficiencies, rather than solving the existing issues.

While the intention behind CB-003-2025 is laudable, we believe that the focus should be on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the existing processes and departments. Further, the proposed solution may not be the most effective mechanism to address the challenges and issues within the permitting process.

Please vote **UNFAVORABLE** on CB-003-2025.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Michael A. Graziano'.

Michael A. Graziano  
Executive Vice President

cc: Council Member Sydney J. Harrison, Vice Chair  
Council Member Edward P. Burroughs, III  
Council Member Thomas E. Dernoga  
Council Member Wanika Fisher