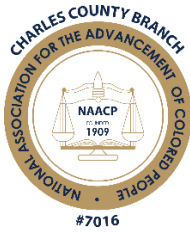


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Commissioner Reuben B. Collins
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Re: Letter of Support – Rental Housing Registration and Licensing Program

Dear President Collins and Members of the Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Charles County NAACP, this letter is to express our support for legislation proposed by Commissioner Collins to implement a rental housing registration and licensing program.

Our organization believes in supporting individuals and causes that enhance the wellbeing and safety for all in our community. The proposal aligns with the outcomes we are aiming to achieve by ensuring that all tenants reside in safe and habitable rental units in the County. We are aware that tenants, some of whom are low income residents, fear retribution should they complain about substandard housing conditions. This proposal will ensure that any dwelling offered for rent in the County will meet appropriate livability standards and will encourage ongoing maintenance.

We fully support legislation to implement a rental housing registration and licensing program in Charles County. Similar programs have existed in the Towns of La Plata and Indian Head and seem to enhance the overall condition and quality of our neighborhoods. We encourage the Board of Commissioners to include this proposal in its 2021 Legislation Package to the Charles County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly. Thank you for the opportunity to present our support.

Sincerely,

Dyotha R Sweat

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President
Charles County NAACP

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