



March 12, 2014

Senator Brian Frosh, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Frosh,

The Association of Community Services of Howard County (ACS) representing over 100 human services providers and community advocates serving over 100,000 Howard County residents annually supports **SB 964 Charitable Enforcement and Protection of Charitable Assets**.

We urge your support of this bill that would provide resources and authority to improve the state's ability to protect charitable donors from fraud, effectively monitor compliance with state rules on charitable solicitations, and when necessary intervene to prevent the misuse of charitable assets. In addition, ACS supports the amendment proposed by the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations clarifying that nothing in the bill supersedes existing protections from personal liability.

Please contact me if you require further information. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

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