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MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS AND MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP TO FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

BALTIMORE, MD – The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (“MCCR”) proudly announces the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the Maryland Real Estate Commission (“MREC”), formalizing a powerful partnership rooted in shared responsibility, accountability, and an unwavering commitment to fair housing across the State of Maryland.

This landmark agreement reinforces the agencies’ collective resolve to protect civil rights, prevent discrimination, and ensure that every Marylander – regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or other protected characteristics – has equitable access to housing opportunity.

The MOU establishes a framework for enhanced cooperation, information-sharing, and coordination between MCCR and MREC, strengthening enforcement, increasing efficiency, and advancing proactive education within the real estate industry. Together, the agencies affirm that fair housing is not optional – it is foundational to dignity, opportunity, and the shared future of Maryland’s communities.

“This MOU represents more than an agreement between two agencies – it is a declaration of values,” said Cleveland L. Horton II, Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. “At a time when access to housing continues to shape generational opportunity, this partnership sends a clear message: Maryland will not tolerate discrimination, and we will work collaboratively to ensure that fairness, transparency, and humanity guide every housing decision. When our institutions align with purpose, we move closer to a state where opportunity is not restricted by who you are or where you come from.”

Through this partnership, MCCR and MREC will deepen collaboration to address discriminatory practices, support compliance with fair housing laws, and reinforce public confidence in Maryland’s housing systems. The agreement reflects a shared belief that meaningful progress requires both enforcement and education – paired with courage, collaboration, and moral clarity.

“Our vision is to have a State that is free from any trace of unlawful discrimination.”

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The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights remains steadfast in its mission to eliminate discrimination and promote equal opportunity for all. This MOU with the Maryland Real Estate Commission marks a significant step forward in reclaiming common ground and restoring our shared humanity through fair and equitable housing practices.

For more information about the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights and its work to advance civil rights protections statewide, please visit MCCR's social media channels @MDCivilRights and website <https://mccr.maryland.gov/>.

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