

## Senate Bill 331 – Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices -- Prohibition

**Position: Support** 

The Maryland REALTORS® support passage of SB 331 which prohibits the State and local jurisdictions from imposing a transportation user fee based on vehicle miles traveled.

The real estate industry is very sensitive to tax proposals that impact long term home ownership decisions. Homeowners who select communities to live in based in part on the cost of transportation should not be subject to fundamental changes in taxation that could impact their commuting pattern to work or school and make it unaffordable.

Sadly, with the decline in Maryland's homeownership rate over the last twenty years, and the growing problem of housing affordability, many property owners must live far from their jobs to find an affordable home.

We urge the Committee to adopt a favorable report for SB 331.

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