



**FREDERICK
CHILDREN'S
CHORUS**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 135
Admissions and Amusement Tax – Distribution to Maryland State Arts Council**

Thank you for your consideration of HB135. Originally signed into law as Chapter 145 (April 2016), this legislation removes the sunset provision from the 2016 bill and continues the \$1 million allocation for the Maryland State Arts Council from the Preservation Of Cultural Arts (POCA) monies.

This \$1 million distribution has helped to bring continued investment towards MSAC over the past 5 years.

The mission of The Frederick Children's Chorus is to bring children together for the joyful exploration and celebration of singing. This bill is important to us because our organization is focused on providing affordable music education to all children. We provide excellent music education for our families at a fraction of our cost. We also provide scholarships and financial aid to as many students as we can. We are able to provide all this at a low or no cost tuition because of the funding we receive in grants and donations. We can not do that without the help from the funds that we get from the distribution of the monies received from MSAC for the preservation of Cultural Arts.

For these reasons, I ask for a FAVORABLE REPORT on HB 135.

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