



CITY OF ABERDEEN

To: Ways and Means Committee
Cc: Harford County Delegation
From: The City of Aberdeen
Date: February 27, 2020
Re: House Bill 1280
Position: Oppose

The City of Aberdeen would like to express its opposition to House Bill 1280. If passed, the legislation would prohibit a county or municipal government from collecting admissions and amusement tax from a business that has annual gross receipts of less than \$75,000.

For a municipality of our size, the loss of revenue could have consequences on the services we provide the public.

In addition, we are concerned that, if this proposed legislation becomes law, there would be future efforts to increase the threshold, which may eventually lead to eliminating the tax revenue for small municipalities entirely.

The City of Aberdeen is, therefore, pleading with the Committee to give HB 1280 an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Opiribo Jack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "O" and a long horizontal stroke.

Opiribo Jack
Director of Finance