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Hello Chairwoman Kaiser and the members of the Ways and Means Committee.

For the record, I am Delegate McIntosh, and I am here to bring to your attention to **HB 1455 Economic Development - Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program**

A maker space purpose is to encourage the learning, exploration, and sharing of high tech to no tech tools in a collaborative workspace. In the new age of technology, the pilot program will provide sustainable funding that will help initiate and better develop these types of programs across the state.

The purpose of this bill is to establish the Makerspace Initiative Pilot Program within the Maryland and Technology Development Corporation. Creating this program would encourage the establishment and expansion of maker spaces across the state of Maryland.

This pilot program would require the corporations to partner with certain entities to provide technical assistance to local government, specific designees of local government and certain non-profit entities. This bill would impose a mandated appropriation in the annual state budget bill beginning on October 1st, 2020.

Thank you for allowing me to speak and for your time and consideration I hope to see you all vote in favor of HB1455.