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Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker
Senate Bill 312 - Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders - Funding - Repeal of
Sunset
House Ways and Means Committee
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Position: SUPPORT

Good afternoon, Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in **support** of **Senate Bill 312 - Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders - Funding - Repeal of Sunset**.

Senate Bill 312 repeals the sunset that would end the tax clinics for low-income Marylanders program in fiscal year 2023 and mandates the Governor to appropriate \$250,000 to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders fund each fiscal year.

The funds will continue to be equally distributed among the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

Senate Bill 312 is in the same posture as its crossfile, House Bill 346 - both of which passed their chambers with unanimous support.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 312. Thank you for your consideration.