

**January 25, 2023**

**Testimony on Senate Bill 167**  
**Maryland State Arts Council – Funding**  
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**

**Position: Favorable**

Maryland Nonprofits is a statewide association of more than 1400 nonprofit organizations and institutions. We strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 167, to stabilize and codify the budget process for support of the Maryland State Arts Council, including funding for the Preservation of Cultural Arts.

This legislation will assure that the MD State Arts Council can reliably sustain and grow its support for artists and cultural organizations throughout Maryland. This is a critical contribution to the State's strong quality of life, and its competitive standing among its peers in seeking to attract and retain residents and businesses.

We urge you to give Senate Bill 167 a **favorable report**.