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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Testimony of Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 122: Property Tax Exemption - Religious Group or Organization - Third-Party Leases

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Dear Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

Senate bill 122 was introduced last year and passed the committee and the senate floor 46-0. As a refresher this bill would disallow an exemption of taxes for any part of a religious entity's property that is being leased to another organization.

SDAT has submitted a letter of information and we are working with the department to make some technical amendments.

Thus, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 122.

Respectfully,

Senator Antonio L. Hayes 40th Legislative District - MD