

## Maryland Health Equity Resource Act – HB 463/SB 172 Favorable

January 25, 2021

Dear Members of the Committee,

We support creating and funding Health Equity Resource Communities in Maryland. Health inequities based on race, ethnicity, disability, and place of residence persist throughout the state and have been further exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, we are proud to join Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative and a coalition of over 260 organizations across the state advocating for the creation of these communities which are to be funded by a proposed one penny per dollar alcohol sales tax increase.

## Favorable of HB463/SB172

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