

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE MARYLAND HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE

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House Bill 1066 – Public Financing Campaign Law

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Good afternoon Chair Anne Kaiser and Vice Chair Alonzo Washington as well as
distinguished members of the House Ways and Means Committee

House Bill 1066 is a win for all voters. I strongly endorse this bill. Its specific goal
is to create a fair election fund system to promote and encourage broader access to
elected offices in counties all over Maryland and to prevent large donations from
having undue influence in government.

This proposed legislation further encourages residents in every county of this state
to run for office on the strength of their ideas, supported by small donations from
ordinary people and matching funds from a Fair Election Fund.

As a former candidate for judge on the Circuit Court, I can say that this legislation
comes as a relief so that judicial candidates running for a non-partisan office such
as Circuit Court Judge can freely run for office without the burden of having a lack
of financial resources.

Thank you House Ways and Means Committee members, and Madam Chair and
Mr. Vice Chair for your time.