



## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

February 18, 2021

**Committee:** House Ways & Means Committee

**Bill:** HB 805 – Economic Development – Enterprise Zone Program -- Alterations

**Position:** Oppose

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 805 which limits the amount that the State must reimburse local governments for property tax credits issued under the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program each year.

As municipalities look to move beyond the pandemic and are looking to fill the empty spaces on their Main Streets, commercial, and industrial areas, many of our cities and towns look to the tax credit and business programs listed in this legislation. While the League certainly understands the need to evaluate these programs to ensure that they are working as designed and that the monies that flow into these programs are providing the economic benefits they were intended to provide, the concern is that if these programs are allowed to sunset, they may never return.

Therefore, MML respectfully requests that this Committee provide HB 805 with an unfavorable report and instead further study these programs.

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