



TESTIMONY HB1120
PROPERTY TAX – SPECIAL USE ASSESSMENT OF COUNTRY CLUBS AND GOLF COURSES – REPEAL

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Acevero

Committee: Ways and Means

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1120 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Our members are surprised and concerned to learn how little country clubs pay in property taxes. Those properties are generally valued in the tens to hundreds of millions, but are assessed at a fraction of that per acre. This means that the county, and the state, are losing out on millions of dollars in revenue. At a time when we worry about whether we can fund our children's education, or support those harmed by the pandemic, or make an investment in our failing public transit, or our environment, this seems like a policy that needs to change.

We believe that any business that makes a profit should pay its fair share of taxes.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports this bill and recommends a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.