



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0319
LOCAL TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT OF 2021**

Bill Sponsor: Senator Rosapepe

Committee: Budget and Tax

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0319 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

Your constituents are struggling now in a way they have not struggled for a long time. The pandemic has destroyed any illusion of financial safety for many, many people in Maryland. Offering them some relief from taxes, in any way that is possible, will be a blessing for those that are living hand to mouth.

This bill will offer some relief by bracketing the local tax rate so that those who make less will pay less in taxes next year. In a year where the state Government is looking for revenue, assuring those hardest hit economically that the state is looking out for them is the right thing to do.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.