



## TESTIMONY FOR HB0143 MARYLAND CHILD TAX CREDIT

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Palakovich-Carr

**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 HB0143 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. We have well over 30,000 members across the state.

This bill addresses two problems that we are seeing right now –

- The first is a long-standing problem. Our system of taxation takes more away from those who have less income than it does for the millionaires among us. Taxes are a much greater burden for those at the lower end of the economic scale than they are for the wealthy.
- The second is a more immediate problem. Marylanders who were already struggling to survive are facing even more pressure during the pandemic.

This credit will help low-income Marylanders stretch their wages just a little bit further and will provide some welcome help for them.

We support this bill and we believe it will help people suffering from the economic devastation that has occurred as a result of the pandemic. I recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.