



American Lung Association Testimony Senate Bill 267
Budget & Taxation
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Support

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 267, Income Tax-Healthy Indoor Air Quality Tax Credit sponsored by Senator Benson. The American Lung Association strongly supports this bill as an integral way to support clean, healthy indoor air for Marylanders.

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, through research, education and advocacy. The work of the American Lung Association is focused on four strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer; to improve the air we breathe; to reduce the burden of lung disease on individuals and their families; and to eliminate tobacco use and tobacco-related diseases.

The American Lung Association believes that everyone is entitled to a safe and healthy indoor and outdoor public space and workplace environment. The American Lung Association supports measures to improve air quality in public spaces and workplaces through the use of regulations, standards, guidelines and management practices to protect the public health. Effective air quality measures protect primarily through the control and elimination of sources of pollution and the provision and maintenance of adequate, state-of-the-art ventilation to reduce the spread of airborne infectious organisms, allergens and particulates.

Senate Bill 267 encourages individuals and business owners to purchase and install certain indoor air quality equipment to help mitigate indoor air pollutants and create healthier spaces for Marylanders to breath clean indoor air by offering a tax credit that can be claimed against the State income tax. The American Lung Association believes that this financial incentive will allow for more people to install this type of equipment in not only their homes but in their businesses.

The American Lung Association thanks the Maryland General Assembly for their continued commitment to the health and wellbeing of the residents of Maryland. The American Lung Association strongly supports Senate Bill 267 which would and encourages swift action to move the bill out of committee and passage by the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aleks Casper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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