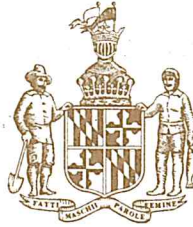


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***TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 51***

***MARYLAND PEDIATRIC CANCER FUND –  
ESTABLISHMENT AND INCOME TAX CHECK OFF***

***BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE***

***JANUARY 18, 2022***

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Fellow Committee Members:

Senate Bill 51 is a very straightforward bill that establishes a Maryland Pediatric Cancer Research Fund to provide grant funding to conduct pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment. The legislation would also create a corresponding income tax check-off to allow Maryland citizens to contribute to the fund.

While pediatric cancer is rare, it is the leading cause of death by disease for children in the United States. Cancers including leukemia and lymphomas account for thousands of diagnoses each year among young people. To that end, we must do everything within our power to ensure that these diagnoses have positive outcomes through effective treatment.

This legislation will serve as a means to provide increased and necessary funding for the prevention and treatment of childhood cancers through the voluntary generosity of Maryland residents.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 51.**