



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: House Environmental & Transportation

Bill: _____ HB 156 Local Governments – Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones –
Authorization

Position: Favorable

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League writes in support of House Bill 156, which allows local governments to establish procedures for farmers to apply for “Urban Agricultural Incentive Zone” designations. When an application is granted, the subsequent sale of farm products generates sales and use tax revenue, 100% of which goes to local governments.

Municipalities in Maryland are significantly limited in the ways in which they can generate revenue. This bill proposes a fair and reasonable opportunity for generating direct municipal revenue. For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 156 and respectfully requests a favorable vote.

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