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**Testimony**

**HB204 Homeowner's Property Tax Credit – Extension**

**SUPPORT**

Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to urge your support for HB204 Homeowner's Property Tax Credit- Extension.

The Homeowner's Property Tax Credit is an important tool in our fight to prevent residents from being a victim of predatory tax sale. The Credit provides residents who qualify with reduced tax burden.

One of the many obstacles to accessing this credit is the deadline. While residents 70 and older can apply on a rolling bases (like when their April taxes are due and so they apply for the previous year's taxes or forward to the next year), others who have similar income and similar situations have to always apply by October 1<sup>st</sup>, using the previous year's income.

Extending the deadline for all users is an important step to make sure all residents have access to this important credit.

In my district, we are encouraging residents to take advantage of this important program. In each case, access to the credit has been a barrier. This small step will make a big difference to our residents.

I urge your favorable report for this legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached on 410-396-4814 or via email at [odette.ramos@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:odette.ramos@baltimorecity.gov).

Respectfully Submitted:

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