



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

TESTIMONY

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**Committee:** House Ways and Means Committee

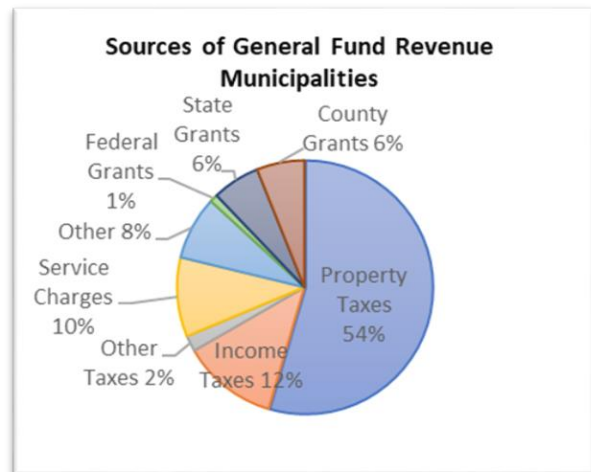
**Bill:** HB 1104 – Affordable Housing Land Trusts – Funding and Property Tax Exemption

**Position:** Oppose

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 1104 which would mandate that local governments exempt all affordable housing land trust properties from real property tax. MML's position does not extend to the provisions of the bill that require DHCD to set aside funds affordable housing land trusts.

As it stands, municipalities are overdependent on property taxes to provide essential services for their residents. Over half of municipal general fund revenues are derived from property taxes, and for some, property taxes account for over 65% of total revenues. Local jurisdictions have little control over the other major sources of revenue, leaving municipalities with few options when fiscal challenges arise.



Therefore, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 1104 with an unfavorable report.

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