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**Re: Support of HB 992 – Income Tax - Earned Income Tax Credit - Alteration and Sunset Repeal**

Dear Honorable Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Community Action Partnership (MCAP) to urge your support of HB 992 – Income Tax - Earned Income Tax Credit - Alteration and Sunset Repeal.

The Maryland Community Action Partnership (MCAP) is a statewide non-profit organization comprised of Maryland's 17 Community Action Agencies, which collectively serve every Maryland county. Together, we work toward eradicating homelessness and poverty to realize our vision of ensuring that all Maryland individuals and families are stable, economically secure, and live in safe and thriving communities.

MCAP supports HB 992 because of its impact on the individuals and families with low-income that our organizations serve.

**If passed, the bill would:**

- Repeal the sunset of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion and allow certain residents to continue to claim the credit for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.
- Include filers with Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN) in the permanent EITC expansion.
- Alter, for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2022, the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland EITC.

It is MCAP's position that the expansion of the EITC in Maryland must be made permanent and must include taxpayers with ITIN. The EITC has a major impact on individuals and families living with low-income in Maryland, and that impact should not exclude any eligible taxpayer, irrespective of whether they are filing with a Social Security Number (SSN) or ITIN.

If there is any additional information that I can provide for you as you consider this bill, I would be happy to help. You can contact me at [amartin@maryland-cap.org](mailto:amartin@maryland-cap.org), or by calling 205-757-0764.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Angela Martin", written over a thin blue horizontal line.

Angela Martin, Executive Director