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**Testimony in Support of
House Bill 235: Property Tax - Deadline Extension for Homeowners to Redeem Property
Involved in a Tax Sale
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Chair Guzzone and esteemed members of the Budget and Taxation Committee, it is my pleasure to come before you and offer testimony in favor of **House Bill 235: Property Tax - Deadline Extension for Homeowners to Redeem Property Involved in a Tax Sale**.

This bill gives property owners an additional two months after the tax sale to redeem their property without having to pay the tax sale purchaser's expenses, which include things like a title search fee and attorney's fees. As the committee knows, homeowners whose homes face tax sales can owe just hundreds of dollars, but ultimately may pay tax lien purchasers thousands in fees.

This bill is another step that the Maryland General Assembly has taken in recent years to help homeowners keep their homes and not lose the equity they have built up over decades.

HB 235 passed the House of Delegates by a vote of 138-0.

I urge a favorable report on **House Bill 235**. Thank you.