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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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**Testimony of Senator Craig J. Zucker**  
**Senate Bill 312 – Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders - Funding - Repeal of**  
**Sunset**  
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**  
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**1:00pm**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

Good afternoon, Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe, and distinguished members of the committee. It is my pleasure to testify today in **support of Senate Bill 312 – Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders - Funding - Repeal of Sunset.**

Senate Bill 312 repeals the sunset that would end the program in fiscal year 2023 and mandates the Governor to appropriate \$250,000 to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders fund each fiscal year.

The funds will continue to be equally distributed among the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

In 2021, this bill was voted unanimously out of the Budget & Taxation Committee and the Senate floor.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 312. Thank you for your consideration.