



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

# TESTIMONY

March 21, 2023

**Committee:** Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment

**Bill:** HB 706 - Economic Development - Sustainable Communities - Business Facade Improvement Program

**Position:** Support as Amended

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 706 as amended to allow municipalities to participate. As introduced, the bill would provide funds only to counties to help businesses within Sustainable Communities improve the outside appearance of their buildings and facilities.

Our members take great pride in the Sustainable Communities program, which is why 93 of the 124 designations (75%) are in municipal boundaries. As the government closer to the people in those communities, our cities and towns would appreciate the opportunity to carry out the sponsor's vision and help restore the facades of businesses in their borders.

As such, the League respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 706 as amended by the House.

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