



TESTIMONY FOR HB0142
More Local Tax Relief for Working Families Act of 2023

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Committee: Ways and Means

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0142 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill will alter, from 3.2% to 3.7%, the maximum tax rate a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income. This bill will allow more counties to provide tax relief to low- and middle-income residents by increasing the tax rate on high-income residents.

It will allow counties more flexibility in managing their tax rates, and therefore their revenue stream and it will also allow counties to support those residents who struggle financially.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.