



**Maryland Association of the Deaf**  
**Written Testimony**  
**HB 925 – Sales and Use Tax – Exemption of Hearing Aid Products**  
**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

**President**

Kirsten Poston

Ways and Means Committee  
Room 131  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Dear Ways and Means Committee:

**Secretary**

Jacob Leffler

The Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD) is a statewide organization that protects the interests of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Marylanders concerning accessibility and equity issues. We are advocating for the passage of the HB 925 sponsored by Delegate Buckel regarding Sales and Use Tax – Exemption of Hearing Aid Products. There are approximately 1.2 million Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals living in the State of Maryland.

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We are in favor of this bill because our community several of us wear hearing aids to support our needs and this bill will relieve some financial difficulty in our community. Not just that but this will benefit more than 1.2 million people in the State of Maryland.

We look forward to a favorable bill on HB 925.

Thank you,

MDAD Board of Directors