

JACUELINE T. ADDISON
Legislative District 45
Baltimore City

Environment and
Transportation Committee



The Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street, Room 317
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-841-3551 · 301-858-3551
800-492-7122 Ext. 3551
Jackie.Addison@house.state.md.us

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Vote Yes on House Bill 249

Bill Title: Baltimore City- Property Tax- Retroactive Exemption

Hearing Date: February 7, 2023, Ways and Means

Chair and members of the Ways and Means,

I write to you today in **support** of **House Bill 249**. This bill safeguards not-for-profits organizations of Baltimore City from accruing unnecessary property tax burdens. The tax exemption will be provided to non-profit organizations upon request. Our local jurisdiction will have access to provide retroactive exemptions for up to three taxable years.

Organizations like Roberta's House located in the heart of the 45th Legislative District are direct benefactors of this legislation. Roberta's House is a Family Grief Center who has been impacting lives across the State of Maryland. Unfortunately, they've encountered unintentional circumstances; to which, our local jurisdictions are unable to correct without statutory changes by the Maryland General Assembly.

We humbly request your support of **House Bill 249** to grant organizations like Roberta's House and similar not-for-profits a path forward when unforeseen circumstances occur. The City of Baltimore will have permission to have a look back clause to remediate the issue. Regardless of whether the city, state, or not-for-profit is in error, the importance of providing a clear route to finding a solution is the most viable option for those providing needed services to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline T. Addison
45th District, Baltimore City