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BILL NO.: **HB 110**

TITLE: Baltimore County – Property Tax – Homeowners Property Tax

Credit

SPONSOR: Delegate Long

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

POSITION: **OPPOSE**

DATE: January 24, 2023

Baltimore County **OPPOSES** House Bill 110 – Baltimore County – Property Tax – Homeowners Property Tax Credit. This bill would require Baltimore County to grant a property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners' property tax credit. This bill could mean a drastic decrease in the County's property tax revenues, significantly affecting County services.

If this proposed legislation was enacted, it would raise the combined gross income limit and the maximum local credit. This would lead to the cost of credits issued to increase by several million dollars, a substantial financial burden.

In his first term in office, County Executive Olszewski spoke with over 2,000 Baltimore County residents in town halls across the County. An issue often brought up was that residents wanted to maintain County services and avoid budget shortfalls. This decrease in County property tax revenues could result in exactly what the people of Baltimore County hoped to avoid. Additionally, this legislation would result in Baltimore County having less to invest in developing twenty-first century schools and infrastructure.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests an **UNFAVORABLE** report on HB 110. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.