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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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**Statement of Senator Cory McCray In Support of Senate Bill 519 - Baltimore City – Baltimore City
– Tax Sales – Owner–Occupied Residential Property**

Vote Yes to SB 519

Title: Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Owner–Occupied Residential Property

Budget and Taxation Committee

Hearing: February 07, 2024

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to request your favorable vote on **Senate Bill 519**. This will be a new piece of legislation that allows Baltimore City tax collectors to exempt owner-occupied residential properties from tax sales.

The purpose of **SB519** is to protect owner-occupied residential properties from being subject to tax sales, preventing residents from losing their homes due to this financial obligation. By allowing Baltimore City tax collectors to exempt these properties, Maryland homeowners who have not met their property requirements are not immediately displaced.

Significance and Impact: The significance of **SB519** is that by exempting these properties and providing a safeguard against residents losing their homes due to property-tax obligations, the bill ensures housing stability for Maryland homeowners. The impact is that it will prevent the displacement of residents by protecting owner-occupied residential properties from tax sales.

This bill prioritizes the quality of life for the citizens of Maryland and focuses on keeping roofs over our citizen's heads, which is why I urge a favorable report for **Senate Bill 519**.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray'.

Cory V. McCray
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