

March 25, 2024

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
The Senate Budget and Tax Committee

**RE: HB 16 – Tax Sales – Homeowner Protection Program – Funding
Position: OPPOSE**

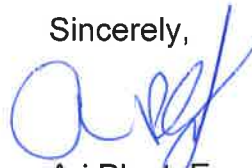
Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Budget and Tax Committee,

We are writing in opposition to HB 16. This bill penalizes tax sale purchasers who are solely responsible for funding the coffers of the Counties and City on an annual basis to help cover lost revenue due to delinquent tax payers. By asking tax sale purchasers to contribute to a fund to help non-tax paying property owners benefit from not paying their taxes is not good policy.

Moreover, the fund is not necessary as there is legislation pending and existing law that removes properties from tax sale.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you not pass HB 16.

Sincerely,



Ari Plaut, Esq.
On Behalf of
Kenny Law Group, LLC and
MD Tax Sale Participants
Coalition