



MARYLAND HALL

art for all

Testimony in favor of HB0701

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Submitted by: Jackie Coleman, Executive Director of
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Greetings distinguished members of the committee. My name is Jackie Coleman and I am the Executive Director of Maryland Hall. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my support of HB0780 concerning the sale and resale of tickets. Dedicated to Art for All, Maryland Hall is the region's cultural core, convening and engaging all people in arts experiences that strengthen community. We welcome, connect, and enrich all with inspiring arts experiences.

For the past 40 plus years Maryland Hall has hosted performances and events for the community to enjoy. Recently we have encountered sites on the web that are reselling tickets to our shows and other shows happening in our building at well over the cost we are charging. An unsuspecting consumer could readily purchase tickets through one of these sites unaware they are paying way over market value and potentially not even purchasing an actual seat. We work hard to offer tickets at prices as affordably priced as possible. This bill would support these efforts ensuring the dollars spent on tickets are supporting artists and not third party scammers.

I urge you to support HB0701 so Maryland Hall and other like organizations can focus on achieving their missions. Thank you for your time.

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