



Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee
HB549: Statute of Limitations-Prosecutions or Enforcement of Local Consumer
Protection Statutes
Position: Favorable

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The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
Room 101, HOB
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

cc: Members, Judiciary Committee

Honorable Chair Clippinger and Members of the Committee:

Economic Action Maryland (formerly the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition) is a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations that advances economic rights and equity for Maryland families through research, education, direct service, and advocacy. Our 12,500 supporters include consumer advocates, practitioners, and low-income and working families throughout Maryland.

I am writing in support of HB549. HB549 extends the statute of limitations for the prosecution or enforcement of a consumer protection code for which a fine, or penalty is provided. The legislation extends the statute from one year to three years. This is a common sense change, in line with what other jurisdictions are doing, and is supported by local consumer protection bureaus.

For all these reasons, we support HB549 and ask for a favorable report.

Best,

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