

February 2, 2024

The Honorable Chairwoman Atterbeary  
The House Ways and Means Committee

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

Dear Madam Chairwoman Atterbeary and esteemed Members of the House Ways and Means 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 taxpayers. By asking tax sale purchasers to contribute to a fund to help nontax paying property owners benefit from not paying their taxes defies logic.

Moreover, the fund is not necessary as there is legislation currently introduced to remove owner occupied residents from tax sale.

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

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Ari Plaut, Esq.

On Behalf of the Kenny Law Group  
& MD Tax Sale Participants  
Coalition