



Senate Bill 557 – Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition (Transportation Freedom Act of 2025)

Position: Support

Maryland REALTORS® supports passage of SB 557 which prohibits state and local jurisdictions from imposing a transportation user fee based on vehicle miles traveled.

The real estate industry is very sensitive to tax proposals that impact long term home ownership decisions. Homeowners who select communities to live in based in part on the cost of transportation should not be subject to fundamental changes in taxation that could impact their commuting pattern to work or school and make it unaffordable.

Sadly, with the decline in Maryland's homeownership rate over the last twenty years, and the growing problem of housing affordability, many property owners must "drive to qualify," living far from their jobs to find an affordable home.

At a time when significant percentages of Maryland's workforce are considering leaving the state, additional taxes on necessary transportation may be a deciding factor in their decision to remain in Maryland.

We urge the Committee to adopt a favorable report for SB 557.

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