



SB 550

Baltimore City - Property Tax - Authority to Establish a Subclass and Special Rate for
Property No Longer Used for Nonprofit Purposes

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Guzzone and members of the Budget & Taxation Committee:

My name is Ricarra Jones, and I am the Political Director with 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. We are the largest healthcare workers union in the nation, with 10,000 members in Maryland and Washington, DC. 1199SEIU supports SB 550 because private non-profits own 30% of land in Baltimore City without paying their fair share in property taxes which creates a significant tax burden on everyday Baltimoreans.

SB 550 will allow Baltimore City Mayor and City Council to set a special tax rate on specific property that is no longer being used for the purposes of that non-profit. This legislation will help to generate revenue, minimize vacant property, and spur community development.

For those reasons, we urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB 550.

Sincerely,

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