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# Updating Residence Standards Will Make Maryland's Tax Code More Effective

## Position Statement in Support of Senate Bill 59

*Given before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee*

An effective revenue system is an essential tool to enable Maryland to invest in the foundations of our economy such as education, child care, and transportation. All Marylanders benefit when we have sufficient resources to invest in the basics, and these investments can be particularly important to break down the barriers – built through past and present policies – that hold back many Marylanders because of their race, gender, a disability, or another aspect of their identity.

Senate Bill 59 would update the standards the state uses to define residence in Maryland for tax purposes. As modified by the sponsor amendment, the bill would require individuals who reside in Maryland for at least three months of the year to apportion a share of their income to Maryland, preventing some wealthy individuals with multiple homes from avoiding paying their fair share toward the services that make Maryland a great place to live.

**For these reasons the Maryland Center on Economic Policy supports Senate Bill 59**, including the sponsor amendment.

**The Maryland Center on Economic Policy respectfully requests that the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee make a favorable report on Senate Bill 59** as modified by the sponsor amendment to require income apportionment for part-year residents.