

Subject: Favorable SB911 Property Tax Exemption for The Blind
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To: House Ways and Means Committee

I am here to ask you to support SB911. First, I want to thank you for giving blind people a property tax exemption. I have been in my home since 1976 and the exemption has been a big help to me over these many years.

I needed the tax exemption when I worked for Johns Hopkins Hospital as a medical transcriber in the Pathology Department. Even though I had a job, I still needed the support of the blind exemption. I stopped working to raise my three children. This change in income made me more dependent on the tax exemption. Unfortunately, I am too old to work now.

Last year I called Baltimore City to see if I had lost the exemption because the taxes were so high. The department explained that I was still getting it. Please vote in favor of SB911 so that I and other blind seniors can stay in our homes.