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## **Vote Yes On Senate Bill 724**

Bill Title: Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Heir-Occupied Property and Registry

Committee: Budget & Taxation

Hearing Date: February 25th, 2025

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Esteemed Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 724, which addresses an important issue in Baltimore City by preventing the loss of heir-occupied properties through tax sales. This legislation allows the tax collector to withhold from sale residential properties occupied by heirs of deceased owners, ensuring that families are not unfairly displaced due to outstanding taxes. This provision is particularly critical for Baltimore City residents who have inherited property but may face financial difficulties in keeping up with tax payments.

The bill also requires Baltimore City to establish a registry for interested parties to designate properties they wish to have withheld from tax sale. This registry ensures that property owners have a clear and accessible process to prevent their homes from being sold while they work to resolve any tax-related issues. The Department of Assessments and Taxation will assist in creating and maintaining the registry, providing transparency and support to families who need it most.

SB 724's provisions are designed to protect families and promote long-term stability in our communities by offering a fair opportunity for heirs to retain their property without the threat of tax sale. I strongly encourage the committee to support this legislation, which will offer much-needed protection for Baltimore City residents.

Continued Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cory V. McCray".

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