



Committee: Senate Budget and Tax Committee

Bill Numbers: Senate Bill 859 Fair Share Maryland

Hearing Date: March 4, 2025

Position: Support

The Coordinating Center supports *Senate Bill 859 – Fair Share Maryland*. The legislation ensures that critical public services, which many of our constituents rely on, remain adequately funded. The proposed revenue measures will help protect essential healthcare, housing, and social services from budget cuts that could severely impact people with disabilities and chronic health conditions.

Our organization provides care coordination to nearly 10,000 Marylanders annually to individuals enrolled in Maryland Medicaid programs, including the Community First Choice Program, and other home and community-based service waivers. The individuals and families we serve are already struggling due to rising costs and the limited availability of support services. Without additional revenue, budget cuts would further erode essential programs, leading to increased hardship, homelessness, and decreased access to life-saving care.

The federal policy landscape is also shifting, creating additional uncertainty about the stability of funding sources. If Maryland does not take proactive steps to strengthen its revenue base, our most vulnerable residents will bear the consequences. Investing in these essential programs strengthens our communities and promotes economic equity for all Marylanders.

We urge your leadership in advancing this legislation to protect vital services and ensure that Maryland remains a state where all residents, including those with disabilities and complex medical needs, can thrive.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide additional information, please contact relliott@policypartners.net.



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