

Testimony in support of SB0070

County Income Tax - Rate and Income Brackets - Alterations

To: Senator Guy Gazzone, Chair, and members of the Senate Budget & Tax Committee

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I am writing in **support of Senate Bill 0070**, County Income Tax - Rate and Income Brackets - Alterations.

SB0070 will provide needed and sensible flexibility to Maryland's counties' personal income tax policies. While Maryland currently allows counties to institute a progressive personal income tax structure, due to the limitations this bill addresses only two counties, Anne Arundel and Frederick, currently do so. This is a missed opportunity for a more progressive income tax for those counties that wish to seize that opportunity.

I strongly urge you to reach a favorable report for SB0070. It will be one step in addressing the state's budget crisis, help counties plan their budgets, and potentially support a more equitable tax structure in Maryland.

Respectfully yours,
Jerry Kickenson
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