



Maryland Municipal League  
*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

## TESTIMONY

January 21, 2025

**Committee:** Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment

**Bill:** SB 235 - Housing and Community Development - Project Restore Program - Establishment

**Position:** Favorable

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports Senate Bill 235, which codifies the existing Project Restore Program with a goal of supporting local economic development.

The fund is designed to assist qualified businesses and organizations whose mission and work contribute to the economic development or historic preservation of local business districts, and whose activities support the small businesses within the jurisdictions they serve. Funding recipients can use their award to renovate and improve properties, reducing vacants and encouraging local businesses, which in turn improves our local communities. Local governments are also eligible to apply for and receive portions of the funding.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 235. For more information, please contact Angelica Bailey Thupari, Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, at [angelicab@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:angelicab@mdmunicipal.org) or (443) 756-0071. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

*The Maryland Municipal League uses its collective voice to advocate, empower and protect the interests of our 160 local governments members and elevates local leadership, delivers impactful solutions for our communities, and builds an inclusive culture for the 2 million Marylanders we serve.*