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HB 1085

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TO: Members of the Environment & Transportation Committee
FROM: Janet Abrahams, HABC President & CEO 
RE: HB 1085 Housing Authorities - Tax-Exempt Status - Modifications
POSITION: Support with Amendments






Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, please be advised that the Housing Authority of Baltimore City wishes to submit testimony on HB 1085 Housing Authorities - Tax-Exempt Status – Modifications.

HB 1085 Housing Authorities - Tax-Exempt Status – Modifications - Exempts certain property owned by public housing authorities, certain subsidiary entities of public housing authorities, and certain nonprofit housing corporations from State and local taxation. The bill also directs housing authorities, certain subsidiary entities of public housing authorities, and certain nonprofit housing corporations to make payments in lieu of taxes that may be set by agreements with political subdivisions; and applies the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) is the country's 5th largest public housing authority and Baltimore City's largest provider of affordable housing opportunities. HABC serves over 43,000 of Baltimore City's low-income individuals through its Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. HABC also engages in development initiatives, either on its own or through its development instrumentality, to create and preserve affordable housing. These activities are usually multi-phased and/or have a certain amount of time until closing occurs, the site is assembled and construction can begin. Therefore, HABC proposes the addition of the language "or will be used" to the provision on page 4 section (II) as follows:

(II) IS USED, **OR WILL BE USED**, AS HOUSING FOR PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME AND IS OWNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THROUGH ONE OR MORE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY ENTITIES OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY ENTITY...

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We support the intention of the bill to include all Maryland Housing Authorities in this legislation and we respectfully request a Favorable report on House Bill 1085, with the addition of the above proposed language.

Respectfully submitted:

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