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SUPPORT Short-Term Rentals and Home Amenity Rentals – Taxation, Regulation, and Crimes **House Bill 87**

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The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 87, which would impose the local hotel rental tax on short-term rentals. This bill would help counties raise revenue and fund priorities like public education.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our almost 900,000 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA also represents over 40 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3 million-member National Education Association (NEA).

House Bill 87 gives local governments another way to raise revenue to fund investments in communities. States and local governments must modernize their tax codes as the economy and market continue to evolve. This bill is another one of those updates.

MSEA supports passage of an adequate, sustainable, predictable revenue stream that will adequately fund both the operating and construction costs of our public schools. A great public school for every child means our students have updated technology, small manageable classes, safe and modern schools, proper healthcare and nutrition, and have highly qualified and highly effective educators.

MSEA strongly urges a favorable report on House Bill 87.