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My name is Chauna Brocht. I am a resident of District 43A. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1014, the Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2025.

I am a strong supporter of this bill because we can't afford to address the budget crisis through budget cuts alone. We need to do more to raise revenue. The residents of our state rely on crucial funding for health and education, among other important needs.

As a parent of a child with a developmental disability, I am very disturbed by the proposed cuts to DDA. As people with disabilities are being attacked on the federal level, the state of Maryland should be providing more support, not less. We can afford to pay for these needed services through passing the Fair Share for Maryland Act.

We have an upside down tax system in Maryland that favors multi-state and multinational corporations, and the wealthiest 1%.

The Fair Share for Maryland Plan includes tax reforms that will raise more than \$1.6 billion would support good schools, health care, transportation, and the state workforce needed to deliver high-quality services.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB1014.

Respectfully submitted, Chauna Brocht