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Testimony in Support of HB 1014 – Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2025

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TO: Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and member of the Ways and Means Committee

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I am writing as a D12 constituent and as a Maryland resident who believes our state's tax structure should reflect our values.

I hope that you will support the Fair Share for Maryland Act when it is introduced.

I am a new homeowner in Maryland. I hope to stay and raise a family here. The Fair Share for Maryland Act addresses many of my concerns and the reasons we chose and want to remain in Maryland. We want to be able to send our kids to a strong school district, where teachers have access to the resources, trainings, and support staff they need to deliver instruction and encourage learning. We want well-maintained transportation, so we can get to our jobs, here in Maryland. We want a vibrant, local business community, to deliver unique, innovative services and products and keep money circulating in our state.

We want all of these things. We are willing to pay a little more, and we hope our state's wealthiest residents and large corporations are also willing to pay their fair share to help Maryland thrive.

The Fair Share for Maryland Act will help bring balance to our budget and ensure our finances reflect our values. I am committed to our state's success and to our state being a model for the country. I respectfully urge this committee to show their commitment to our state and its residents. Please return a favorable report on HB 1014.