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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 550

Bill Title: Baltimore City – Property Tax – Authority to Establish a Subclass and Special Rate for Property No Longer Used for Nonprofit Purposes.

Committee: Ways and Means Committee

Hearing Date: March 25th, 2025

Dear Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and Esteemed Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to solicit your support for Senate Bill 550, which authorizes the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to establish, by law, a subclass of real property owned by nonprofit organizations that have not been used for their intended purposes for at least three consecutive taxable years. The bill further permits the city to impose a special property tax rate on such properties, not exceeding ten times the standard property tax rate.

This legislation addresses the issue of underutilized properties owned by nonprofits, encouraging their productive use or repurposing. By implementing a special tax rate, the city can incentivize these organizations to either utilize the properties as intended or make them available for other beneficial uses, thereby contributing to community development and economic growth.

I respectfully urge the committee to consider a favorable vote on SB 550, recognizing its potential to promote the effective use of real estate assets within Baltimore City.

Continued Blessings,

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