

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Room 131, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 1178 - Baltimore City - Property Taxes - Authority to Set Special Rates -  
UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in my capacity as the Legislative Chairman of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Baltimore (BOMA) to respectfully request an unfavorable report on House Bill 1178.

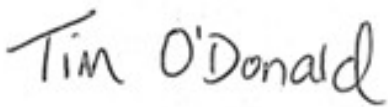
BOMA, through its nearly 300 members, represents owners and managers of all types of commercial property, comprising 143 million square feet of office space in Baltimore and Central Maryland. Our members' facilities support over 19,000 jobs and contribute \$2.5 billion to the Maryland economy each year.

BOMA's chief objection to this legislation is the bill's rejection of the principle that a property owner should pay uniform tax rates. We have seen other legislation this year, both in your Committee and elsewhere, that similarly seeks to enlarge the ability of local governments to narrowly apply new taxes to certain classes of property.

We urge you to resist such efforts.

For these reasons, we urge the Committee to give an unfavorable report to House Bill 1178.

Very truly yours,



Tim O'Donald  
Chair, BOMA Legislative Committee

cc: Bryson F. Popham, P.A.