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

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My name is Kyle Long and I am a resident in District 43. Thank you to **I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1014, the Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2025.**

**As a clinical social worker working alongside families across Baltimore, I see the need for increased investment and funding in communities across Baltimore.** We need more affordable housing development and investment in public transportation. We need to continue to invest in the Blueprint to support equitable school funding. In order to pay for these things, we need to raise funds. While Governor Moore's current budget proposal does include some positive steps forward, there is more that needs to be done.

**Routinely, I work alongside families who are impacted by chronic disinvestment.** The number one reason why folks seek assistance from my agency is for rental support, as there is a significant lack of affordable housing. Families I work with are routinely impacted by our outdated and underfunded public transit system, either taking hours long by transit or unable to reach their job when their car breaks down. A majority of the families we partner with are connected to community schools and the proposed budget sees critical cuts to education funding. Through the measures outlined in HB1014, we would be able to raise funds without seeking cuts to vital public programs and burdening the majority of taxpayers who are already paying more than their fair share.

**Anticipating decreased federal funding under the current administration is all the more reason for a robust proposal to raise revenue in Maryland.** While the challenges we face are significant and will require concerted effort, we cannot continue to ask Maryland families to be burdened by budget shortfalls and while the wealthiest people and corporations in Maryland do not pay their fair share. It is for these reasons that I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB1014.

Respectfully Submitted,

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