



Maryland Municipal League  
*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

February 11, 2025

**Committee:** House Ways & Means Committee

**Bill:** HB 726 – Homestead Property Tax Credit - Eligible Properties - Alteration

**Position:** Oppose

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 726, which would have a detrimental impact on municipal finances by expanding the homestead tax credits to additional residences. The entire concept behind the Homestead Property Tax Credit was to protect owner-occupied properties so their tax burden does not price them out of their homes.

Furthermore, it is common for local governments to establish their own homestead tax credit at a lower rate than the State. If the General Assembly wishes to offer a homestead tax credit for additional residences, we would ask that the local credit be decoupled.

For these reasons the League respectfully requests that this committee provide an unfavorable report on House Bill 726. For more information, please contact Justin Fiore, Deputy Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, at [justinf@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:justinf@mdmunicipal.org). Thank you in advance for your consideration.

*The Maryland Municipal League uses its collective voice to advocate, empower and protect the interests of our 160 local governments members and elevates local leadership, delivers impactful solutions for our communities, and builds an inclusive culture for the 2 million Marylanders we serve.*

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