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The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB1285 – Additional Property Tax Relief for Baltimore County Homeowners

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members,

My name is Maureen Wambui, and I am a homeowner and resident of District 6, in Baltimore County. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1285 (HB1285), which aims to provide additional property tax relief to homeowners by requiring Baltimore County to offer a local property tax credit that supplements the existing state homeowners' tax credit. This bill is a crucial step toward easing the financial burden on homeowners like me and many others in our community.

As a homeowner, I understand the significant impact that property taxes have on household budgets. With rising costs of living and economic uncertainties, many residents, especially retirees, working families, and individuals on fixed incomes—struggle to keep up with these expenses. By providing additional tax relief to eligible homeowners, HB1285 will offer much-needed financial relief, allowing families to stay in their homes and maintain stability.

This bill is particularly beneficial because it targets assistance to those who need it most—homeowners with limited incomes and net worth. Ensuring that tax relief is directed toward individuals and families who may otherwise face financial hardship demonstrates a commitment to economic fairness and community well-being. Moreover, allowing homeowners to retain more of their income strengthens local economies and fosters long-term community investment.

I urge the committee to support HB1285 and help provide much-needed property tax relief to Baltimore County residents. This bill is a practical and responsible way to support homeowners, sustain communities, and promote financial stability for those who need it most.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Wambui