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HB 1623: Special Taxing Districts - Village of Drummond - Authority and Organization
(MC 20-26)

Testimony of Delegate Marc Korman - Favorable

Thank you, Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. I come before you today on behalf of Senator Love, Delegate Wolek, Delegate Woorman, and myself to testify in favor of HB 1623 (MC 20-26).

The Village of Drummond is a 41-home Village in Chevy Chase. The Village was created in 1903 and was designated as a special taxing district in 1916.¹ Its charter is codified in state law, and can therefore only be amended by state-level legislation.² The charter, however, has not been amended since 2003.³ The government and citizens of Drummond wish to enact certain changes to their charter, including but not limited to clarifying appropriate uses of public funds, holding public hearings on the community budget, requiring an annual audit, and lowering the voting age for Village officers. These changes were proposed and drafted in consultation with the Village of Drummond. Counsel for the Village of Drummond and their Mayor can provide additional details.

The Village of Drummond deserves an updated charter that reflects the community's current wants and needs. I urge a favorable report.

¹ Village of Drummond, <https://drummondmd.gov/>.

² Montgomery County Code, Chapter 65, https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/montgomerycounty/latest/montgomeryco_md/0-0-0-154968.

³ Maryland House Bill 368 (2003), <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Search/Legislation?target=/2003rs/billfile/hb0368.htm>.