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**SB812- Homeowners' Property Tax Credit – Eligibility and Calculation - Alterations
FAVORABLE**

Honorable Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:

I am writing to urge your support of **SB812- Homeowners' Property Tax Credit – Eligibility and Calculation - Alterations**

The Homeowner's Property Tax Credit is a Maryland credit where residents with incomes below \$60,000 are able to apply and receive a significant reduction in their property tax bills. The jurisdiction then gets paid the amount of the credit from the state.

The Homeowner's Property Tax Credit is a very important credit. It has been used by many of my constituents as they age in place and are able to stay in their homes and avoid tax sale.

SB812 simply raises the eligibility level to \$100,000 income to allow for more people to be eligible.

Baltimore City is particularly interested in this bill as we move toward reinvesting in our communities to remove vacant properties through rehab or demolition. This bill and the changes to the Homeowner's Property Tax Credit will enable our long time residents and their families to stay and enjoy the changes they deserve.

Our goal in Baltimore City is to create intentional mixed income communities. This credit is the cornerstone of that strategy.

Please pass a favorable report for SB812.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached on 410-396-4814 or via email at odette.ramos@baltimorecity.gov.

Respectfully Submitted:

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