



**Testimony**  
**SENATE BILL 372**  
**BUDGET & TAX COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 5, 2025**  
**Position: FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Tax Committee:

The Community Development Network of Maryland (CDN) is the voice for Maryland’s community development sector and serves nearly 200 member organizations. CDN—focuses on small affordable housing developers, housing counseling agencies and community-based non-profits across the state of Maryland. The mission of CDN is to promote, strengthen and advocate for the community development sector throughout Maryland’s urban, suburban and rural communities. CDN envisions a state in which all communities are thriving and where people of all incomes have abundant opportunities for themselves and their families.

SB 372 – Spur economic investment and job creation in low-income communities that have historically lacked private investment, particularly with the assistance of CDEs headquartered in the State with proven experience in the federal NMTC Program.

This program modeled on the federal NMTC Program, which offers nonrefundable credits against the federal income tax for qualified equity investments in qualified Community Development Entities. The federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 permanently extended the program beyond calendar year 2025. “Qualified CDE” means any domestic corporation or partnership (1) whose primary mission is serving or providing investment capital for low-income communities or low-income persons; (2) that maintains accountability to residents of low-income communities through their representation on any governing or advisory board of the entity; and (3) that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury as a qualified CDE.

This bill is an important step for Maryland in raising capital for historically disinvested areas. In other states, New Market Tax Credits have led to projects that are \$10 to \$30 million dollars. This is critical to grow Maryland’s economy away from dependence on federal jobs.

We urge your support for SB 372.

Submitted by Claudia Wilson Randall, Executive Director