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Town of Emmitsburg

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March 26, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Budget and Taxation Committee,

On behalf of Mayor Frank Davis of the Town of Emmitsburg, I write to express our strong support for HB 1142 / SB, legislation establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources.

The Town of Emmitsburg provides essential frontline services to our residents, including public safety contracted through Frederick County Sheriff's Office, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning in hopes of revitalizing our downtown area. These critical services depend on stable, reliable, and diversified revenue streams. However, municipalities across Maryland are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, along with increasing state-mandated costs. These challenges make the need for modern and flexible revenue options more urgent than ever.

The Town of Emmitsburg has seen a dramatic increase in expenses across the board especially in public safety and infrastructure maintenance. In just short five years, the Town has seen an increase of \$770,875.00 in expenses. In contrast, real estate tax revenue only increased by only \$191,188.00 in this same period. This revenue makes up approximately 35% of the Town's revenue, which is the largest part of its revenue base. The Town also relies heavily on County Tax Equity, which has remained stagnant for the last five years as well.

Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism within the State, yet the current tax structure does not reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal boundaries back into the infrastructure and services that sustain that growth. Compounding this issue, Maryland remains one of only six states that neither shares tax revenue from the sale of goods and services with local governments nor allows municipalities to collect such revenues directly, resulting in an over-reliance on property taxes.

The Town of Emmitsburg is a hub for tourism, particularly the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of the Lourdes, National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, and Liberty Mountain Ski Resort. In addition to these attractions, Emmitsburg is near Mount Saint Mary's University and the Gettysburg National Park. The Town draws hundreds of thousands of visitors annually which creates a significant burden on our roads and public safety. While the Town appreciates the revenue generated by the State Highway User tax, it does not fully meet the needs of a Town that attracts so many visitors and commuters through its Town on an annual basis.

Frank Davis, Mayor

Cathy Willets, Town Manager

Sabrina King, Town Clerk

Board of Commissioners Jim Hoover, President

Rosario Benvenuti, Vice President;

Clifford Sweeney; Valerie Turnquist; Kevin Hagan

Furthermore, the current local revenue framework has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect today's service- and digital-based economy. Without reform, municipalities will continue to face structural fiscal challenges that place increasing burdens on local property owners.

HB 1142 / SB offers a thoughtful and necessary step forward. By establishing a data-driven, nonpartisan Task Force, this legislation will allow for a comprehensive evaluation of Maryland's local revenue structure and provide informed recommendations to ensure municipalities can remain fiscally resilient while maintaining essential services. A task force then a comprehensive non-partisan study is the first step toward giving municipalities we need to thrive and continue to provide the service our residents deserve.

For these reasons, the Town of Emmitsburg respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 1142 / SB. The Town will be adopting a formal resolution in support of this bill at our Board of Commissioners meeting on April 13, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of Maryland's municipalities.

Sincerely,

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Cathy Willets
Town Manager
Town of Emmitsburg

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Testimony of the Mayor and Council of Rockville HB 1142 – Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures SUPPORT

The Mayor and Council of Rockville are thankful to Chair Guzzone and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee for the opportunity to provide support for HB 1142. We are thankful to Chair Wilkins for sponsoring this critically important legislation, which supports local government fiscal sustainability.

The Mayor and Council strongly support HB 1142, MML’s priority legislation, which would establish a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures. This legislation is long overdue and necessary for the stability and resilience of Maryland’s municipalities and counties.

The City of Rockville, like many of the 157 cities and towns across Maryland, is operating under a revenue framework that has not been substantially modernized in nearly 60 years. Currently, property taxes account for approximately 44% of our general fund. This heavy reliance on a single revenue source is no longer sustainable in a modern economy.

Across Maryland, local budgets are facing mounting pressures, including:

- Rising personnel and benefit costs, particularly healthcare and pension obligations.
- Increasing debt service tied to infrastructure investments.
- State and Federal regulatory mandates that carry financial impact. In Rockville, the City’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit requirement, Federal Public Rights of Way Accessibility requirements for sidewalks/curbs, police reform and accountability requirements, and Building Energy Performance Standards are contributing to rising program costs.
- Aging infrastructure requiring rehabilitation or replacement. In Rockville, this is particularly relevant for the City’s pedestrian bridges.
- Reduced availability of federal grants.
- Escalating construction costs driven by inflation and supply chain volatility.

HB 1142 is a significant step forward in establishing the “blue-ribbon” task force to study a diversified revenue structure, which makes local governments more resilient to economic shifts, ensuring that municipal services remain stable even when the housing market fluctuates. While property taxes provide stability, overreliance on a single revenue source creates structural vulnerability. Examining best practices from other states and assessing how revenue authority can evolve thoughtfully is a prudent and forward-looking approach. For these reasons, we urge the Committee to provide HB 1142 with a favorable report.

HB 1142 Senate testimony.pdf

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Position: FAV

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1142 Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures

Dear Chair Guzzone:

I am writing to express the City of College Park's strong support for HB 1142, which will establish a blue-ribbon task force to help evaluate how the State can enable localities to:

- **Relieve the Burden on Homeowners:** By identifying alternative revenue streams, we can move away from the "one-lever" system that forces the City to raise property taxes to meet rising costs.
- **Reflect a Modern Economy:** Our current tools were built for a mid-20th-century, manufacturing-driven, economy. We need a system that captures the value of our modern, service-based and visitor-driven economies.
- **Ensure Local Resilience:** Diversified revenue makes local governments more resilient to economic shifts, ensuring that municipal services remain stable even when the housing market fluctuates.

Our municipality, like many of the 157 cities and towns across Maryland, has an opportunity to modernize a revenue framework that has remained largely unchanged for nearly 60 years. Today, property taxes make up roughly half of our general fund. While we are proud to deliver essential services, relying so heavily on a single revenue source limits our ability to plan with confidence.

HB 1142 offers a constructive path forward. By exploring how to expand revenue options, strengthen local authority, and examine successful practices from other states, this legislation provides the financial flexibility needed to support long-term stability. Establishing this task force is an important first step toward ensuring we can continue to keep our community affordable, resilient, and vibrant for years to come.

For the benefit of our residents, the City of College Park urges your favorable consideration of HB 1142.

Sincerely,
s.m. fazlul kabir

Fazlul Kabir
Mayor

cc: President Bill Ferguson
Members, Budget & Tax Committee

2026 HB 1142 Testimony Wilkins.pdf

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JHEANELLE WILKINS
Legislative District 20
Montgomery County

Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Rules and Executive Nominations
Committee



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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

MARCH 31, 2026

House Bill 1142 - Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present **House Bill 1142 - Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures**, a statewide, time-limited study that brings State and local experts together to modernize the fiscal foundation of Maryland's counties and municipalities.

Maryland has evolved significantly since the 1960s, becoming a hub for technology, healthcare and entertainment, yet our local revenue structure has remained largely unchanged. Our counties, Baltimore City, and the 157 municipalities are being asked to meet present day challenges using a fiscal toolbox designed more than sixty years ago. This growing mismatch between modern responsibilities and outdated revenue tools poses risk to the long-term fiscal health of the entire state. We cannot have a strong Maryland without fiscally healthy local governments.

HB 1142 is a responsible, data-driven approach. This legislation does not raise taxes— it brings together State and local experts to examine current revenue structures, elevate options used in other states, and assess impacts on affordability and cost of living. The Task Force will report their findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

House Bill 1142 ensures that our local governments have sustainable, and equitable fiscal frameworks that support strong communities and a strong state.

For these reasons, I urge your **favorable vote** on **House Bill 1142 - Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures**.

Sincerely,

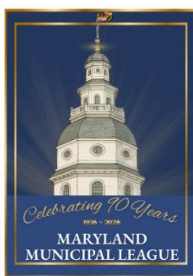
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Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins

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TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE: Senate Budget and Taxation

DATE: March 31, 2026

POSITION: Favorable

BILL: HB 1142

On behalf of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), representing 161 municipal governments and the nearly two million residents they serve, we respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of House Bill 1142.

This legislation is the League's top priority for the 2026 session. While it is true that Maryland's municipal revenue structure has not had a meaningful update in nearly sixty years, the crisis we face is not merely one of age—it is one of impact. By operating under a financial model from 1967, we are burdening Maryland's families and hindering our state's greater economic potential. HB 1142 establishes a Task Force to finally modernize an outdated, unsustainable system that limits local flexibility and threatens the long-term fiscal health of our communities.

The Crisis of Over-Reliance on Property Taxes

Municipal governments are on the front lines, providing essential daily services—clean water, public safety, and road maintenance—to one-quarter of Maryland's population. However, the capacity to fund these services is severely constrained by a financial model that is failing.

- **Unsustainable Pressure:** Property taxes currently account for **50% of the average municipal general fund budget**. Continuously raising this single lever is both unsustainable and inequitable, directly threatening housing affordability for seniors, working families, and those hoping to buy their first home.
- **An Outdated Framework:** Our last significant "bite at the revenue apple" was in 1967, when local governments were allowed to "piggyback" on income tax. Since then, mandates on and overall resident expectations of cities and towns have grown dramatically, while our revenue options have remained stagnant.
- **Capturing Economic Impact:** Municipalities occupy less than 5% of Maryland's land mass, yet they generate one-third of all state sales and use tax revenue. Despite this massive contribution to the state's economy, the current structure forces our residents to subsidize non-residents and tourists who use local infrastructure without contributing to the costs.

Why a Task Force is the Solution

HB 1142 is a call for a **holistic and inclusive** approach to Maryland's financial future. By creating a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures, the General Assembly is making a vital investment in some of the state's largest economic engines.

A modernized and diversified revenue structure is not just a municipal or county need; it is essential for a thriving, competitive Maryland economy. Equipping local leaders with modern financial tools ensures they can continue providing the essential services, drive reinvestment, stabilize housing, and unlock the state's true economic potential.

Conclusion

The time to address these systemic challenges is now. We cannot continue to rely on a 1960s financial model to solve 2020s problems. House Bill 1142 provides the necessary path toward a fair, flexible, and sustainable funding model for all Marylanders.

The Maryland Municipal League urges a **favorable report** on House Bill 1142.

For more information relating to this piece of testimony, please contact:

Justin Fiore: Director, Advocacy and Public Policy, justinf@mdmunicipal.org

Municipal Resolutions HB 1142..pdf

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Position: FAV

Resolution No: 02-25

Resolution: Supporting the Maryland Municipal League’s HB 1142 Establishing The Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, community planning and development services, housing and community development, recreation and parks, and many others, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland’s municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital-based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

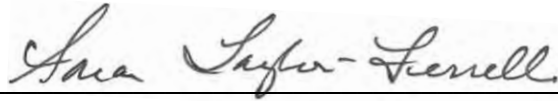
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Rockville:

1. **Support HB 1142:** The City of Rockville formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. **The Senator representing District 17 – Senator Cheryl Kagan**
 2. **Each Delegate representing District 17- Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr, Delegate Ryan Spiegel, and Delegate Joe Vogel**
 3. **Maryland Municipal League Staff**



Resolution No. 02-25

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution
Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville,
Maryland at its meeting of March 9, 2026



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Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

Title: A Resolution in Support of HB 1142 to Establish a Task Force on Modernizing County and Municipal Revenue Sources

Introduced by: Council President César Díaz on behalf of the Administration

Date: March 19, 2026 **Action:** Approved

**THE CITY OF FREDERICK
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO: 26-5

A RESOLUTION

**In Support of HB 1142 to Establish a Task Force on Modernizing
County and Municipal Revenue Sources**

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, the City of Frederick provides essential frontline services to its residents—including, but not limited to, public safety, public health, comprehensive community planning, economic development support, and housing assistance—all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, along with increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that neither shares tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments nor allows those governments to collect such revenue themselves, resulting in an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service-based and digital economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, nonpartisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK that the City of Frederick joins the Maryland Municipal League and other counties and municipalities across the State in formally supporting the passage of HB 1142, and urges

the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the legislators representing Maryland Legislative District 3—State Senator Karen Lewis Young and State Delegates Karen Simpson, Kenneth Kerr, and Kris Fair—as well as to the staff of the Maryland Municipal League.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

APPROVED: March 20, 2026

PASSED: March 19, 2026

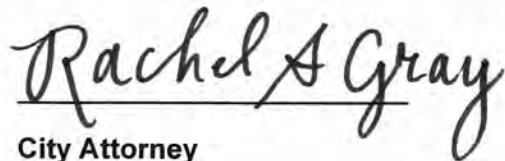
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Michael O'Connor, Mayor

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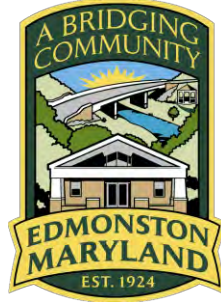
César Díaz, City Council President

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

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City Attorney

TOWN OF EDMONSTON



RESOLUTION NO. 26-R-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EDMONSTON IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the [City/Town] of [Name] provides essential frontline services to its residents, including [Insert services, e.g. public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning], all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS Maryland's municipalities are a primary driver of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Edmonston:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Edmonston formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. **The Senator representing District 22**
 2. **Each Delegate representing District 22**
 3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Tracy R Gant, *Mayor*

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BRUNSWICK IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
REVENUE SOURCES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are a primary driver of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

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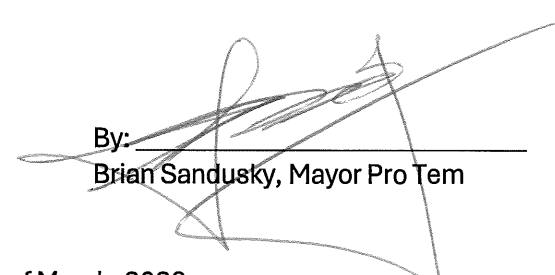
WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Brunswick that the City of Brunswick formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.

PASSED this 10th day of March, 2026 by a vote of 5 for; 0 against; 0 abstaining, and 1 absent.

ATTEST: COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK:


Julie Martorana, City Administrator

By: 
Brian Sandusky, Mayor Pro Tem

APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST: 
Julie Martorana, City Administrator


Nathan Brown, Mayor

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPPORT OF HB 1142, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Hagerstown provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports this growth; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland as its duly constituted legislative body is taking the following actions:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The City of Hagerstown formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

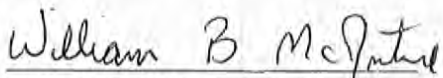
Senator Paul Corderman
Delegate Matthew Schindler
Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

WITNESS AND ATTEST
AS TO CORPORATE SEAL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND


Donna K. Spickler, City Clerk

By: 
William B. McIntire, Mayor

Date of Passage:
Effective Date:

March 10, 2026
March 10, 2026

Introduced: Councilmember Pompi
1st Reading: March 9, 2026
Passed: March 9, 2026
Posted: March 10, 2026
Effective: March 9, 2026

CITY OF GREENBELT
RESOLUTION NO. 26-2130

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF GREENBELT IN SUPPORT
OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY
AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety and animal services, public works and infrastructure maintenance, social and family services, recreation, arts and culture, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland’s municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

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WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The City of Greenbelt formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

1. **The Senator representing District 22**
2. **Each Delegate representing District 22**
3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2026.



Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita Anderson

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk



RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Town of North Brentwood provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public works, public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Town of North Brentwood:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of North Brentwood formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. The Senator representing District 47
 2. Each Delegate representing District 47a
 3. Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2026.
Peterson Johnson
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Signed by:
MAYOR
Carletta Lundy
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ATTEST: clerk

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COUNCIL - WARD III

RESOLUTION R-2-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF CHEVERLY, MARYLAND, IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cheverly provides essential frontline services to its residents, including 24/7 police protection, twice-a-week trash pickup, curbside recycling pickup, and comprehensive emergency response, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

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WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital-based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland:

1. Support for Legislation: The Town formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.
2. Communication of Resolution: A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. State Senator Malcolm Augustine, District 47.
 2. Delegates Diana Fennell and Julian Ivey, District 47A.
 3. The Mayor or equivalent of each municipality in the 47th Legislative District of Maryland; and
 4. Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2026.

Attest: _____



Micah Watson
Mayor



Christopher R. Wade
Councilmember



David Tansey
Councilmember



John LeGloahec
Councilmember



Charly Garces
Councilmember



Nicole Bryner
Councilmember



Amy Jean Chung Fry
Councilmember

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMING
SUPPORT OF HB 1142, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO
MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES

WHEREAS, the City of Gaithersburg provides essential frontline services to its residents, including Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works, and Planning Services, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

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WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg:

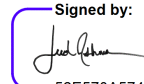
1. Support for Legislation: The City of Gaithersburg formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.

2. Communication of Resolution: A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

1. The Senators representing Districts 17 and 39
2. Each Delegate representing Districts 17 and 39
3. Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

ADOPTED by the City Council this 16th day of March 2026.

Signed by:

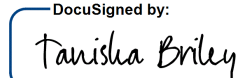


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JUD ASHMAN, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council, in public meeting assembled on the 16th day of March 2026.

DocuSigned by:



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Tanisha Briley, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHESTERTOWN IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB 0920, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chestertown provides essential frontline services to its residents, including *public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning*, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

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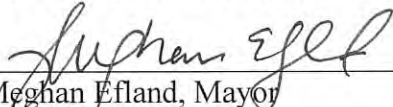
WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chestertown:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Chestertown formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. **The Senator representing District 36**
 2. **Each Delegate representing District 36**
 3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this 16th day of March 2026.

TOWN OF CHESTERTOWN:



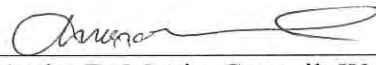
Meghan Efland, Mayor

(ABSENT)

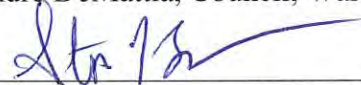
Sheila Austrian, Council, Ward 1

(ABSENT)

Thomas A. Herz, Jr., Council, Ward 2



Andre DeMattia, Council, Ward 3



Stephen Lozar, Council, Ward 4

ATTEST:



Chad Rooney, Town Manager

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA
Resolution 26-17**

Introduced By: Mayor Jeannine E. James, by request
Date Introduced: March 10, 2026
Date Adopted: March 10, 2026
Date Effective: March 10, 2026

A RESOLUTION concerning

Modernization of County and Municipal Revenue Sources

FOR the purpose of supporting Maryland General Assembly House Bill 1142 (HB1142), establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures.

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- 2 **WHEREAS**, the Town of La Plata provides essential frontline services to its residents,
- 3 including community planning, public safety, water and sewer infrastructure, sanitation, and
- 4 stormwater management, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and
- 5
- 6 **WHEREAS**, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures
- 7 on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs,
- 8 making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, Maryland’s municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and
- 11 tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth
- 12 generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very
- 13 growth; and
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the
- 16 sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it
- 17 themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and
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- 19 **WHEREAS**, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been
- 20 comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a
- 21 service- and digital-based economy; and
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Resolution 26-17

23 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan
24 forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal
25 governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of La
28 Plata, Maryland, that
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30 1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of La Plata formally supports the passage of
31 Maryland General Assembly House Bill 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means
32 Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable
33 Report; and
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35 2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

- 36 1. Senator Arthur Ellis, District 28
- 37 2. Delegate Edith J. Patterson, District 28
- 38 3. Delegate Debra Davis, District 28
- 39 4. Delegate C.T. Wilson, District 28
- 40 5. Staff at the Maryland Municipal League
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ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Council of the Town of La Plata on this 10th day of March, 2026.

SEAL:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA PLATA



Jeanine E. James

Jeanine E. James, Mayor

Paul C. Guttenberg

Paul C. Guttenberg, Councilman

Patrick McCormick

Patrick McCormick, Councilman

Gregory Sampson, Jr.

Gregory Sampson, Jr., Councilman

Tyjon C. Johnson

Tyjon C. Johnson, Councilman

ATTEST:

Shelby Pritchett

Shelby Pritchett
Town Clerk

Date 10 March 2026



**Council of the Town of Leonardtown
RESOLUTION NO. 1-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB,
ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Leonardtown provides essential frontline services to its residents, including [waste water treatment plant/wells/pumps, water, sewer and trash collection, infrastructure streets/roads maintenance and community planning], all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners of Leonardtown support for Legislation the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.

Communication of Resolution: A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

The Senator representing District ✓
Each Delegate representing District ✓
Staff at the Maryland Municipal League ✓

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:  **Commissioners of Leonardtown, Mayor Daniel W. Burris**



**Council of the Town of Leonardtown
RESOLUTION NO. 1-26 - Page 2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB,
ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.**


**BY ORDER: I hereby certify that Resolution Number 1-26 is true and correct and duly adopted by
the Commissioners of Leonardtown, MD.**

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN:

ATTEST/WITNESS:


Daniel W. Burris, Mayor

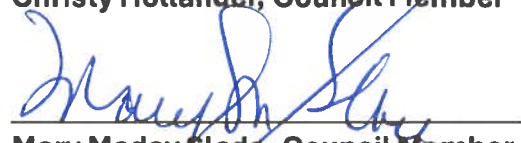

Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator


J. Maguire Mattingly, IV, Council Member


Nick Colvin, Council Member


Heather M. Earhart, Council Member

Absent
Christy Hollander, Council Member


Mary Maday Slade, Council Member

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03
REQUESTED BY: MAYOR CEPHAS BEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1142, ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge (the “City”) provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing State-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland’s municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service- and digital-based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force as set forth in House Bill 1142 (“HB1142”) would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, that the Commissioners of Cambridge formally support the passage of HB1142 and respectfully request that the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee issue a favorable report regarding the same.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon adoption, copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Senator Johnny Mautz, Delegates Christopher T. Adams, Tom Hutchinson, and Sheree Sample-Hughes, and the Maryland Municipal League.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in executing this Resolution, the Mayor hereby certifies that this Resolution is true and correct and duly adopted by the Commissioners of Cambridge.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE



W. Glenn Steckman, III, City Manager

BY: Lajan Cephias Bey
Lajan Cephias Bey (Mar 24, 2026 09:18:22 EDT)
Lajan Cephias Bey, Mayor

Adopted the 23rd day of March, 2026
Effective the 23rd day of March, 2026

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES

WHEREAS, the City of Westminster provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, community planning, utility distribution and collection, recreation, housing, and general administrative services, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

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WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Westminster formally supports the passage of HB 1142.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2026



Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk


APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2026



Dr. Mona Becker, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY

This 23rd day of MARCH, 2026



Ramsay Whitworth, City Attorney

Douglass Barber

From: Sara Imhulse
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 11:15 AM
To: Douglass Barber; Erica Kirkner
Subject: FW: Signatory authority

From: Mona Becker <MBecker@westminstermd.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 11:09 AM
To: Sara Imhulse <Simhulse@westminstermd.gov>
Subject: Signatory authority

I give Ms. Sara Imhulse my signatory authority from the time of this email until 11:59 pm Wednesday 03/25/26.

Thank you,

Dr. Mona Becker
Mayor, City of Westminster
Westminster, MD
21157

Mbecker@westminstermd.gov
410-848-9000
<https://www.westminstermd.gov>

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BOONSBORO
RESOLUTION 2026-01;**

***A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BOONSBORO IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB,
ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES***

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonsboro provides essential frontline services to its residents, including infrastructure maintenance, water and wastewater management, municipal planning and public safety, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing State-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's Municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within Municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Boonsboro:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. **The Senator representing District 2: Senator Paul Corderman**
 2. **Each Delegate representing District 2A: Delegates William Valentine and William Wivel**
 3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST: Howard W. Long Howard W. Long, Mayor of Boonsboro

ATTEST: Jesse H. Powers Jesse H. Powers, Town Clerk of Boonsboro

2026-03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE BURGESS AND COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWN OF WALKERSVILLE, MARYLAND

THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BURGESS & COMMISSIONERS OF WALKERSVILLE, MD IN
SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY
AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Walkersville provides essential frontline services to its residents, including the only Maryland State Resident Trooper program, safe sidewalks, beautiful parks, and upgraded street lighting all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

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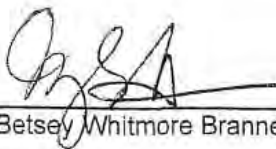
WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

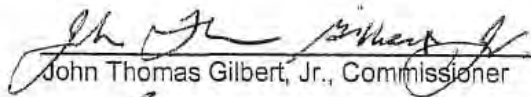
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Burgess & Commissioners of Walkersville, MD


1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Walkersville formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. **The Senator representing District 4**
 2. **Each Delegate representing District 4**
 3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026.

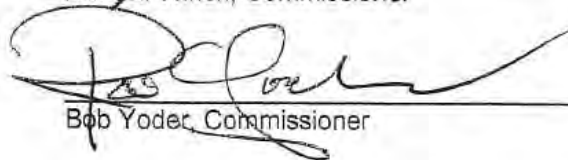

Chad W. Weddle, Burgess


Betsey Whitmore Brannen, Commissioner


John Thomas Gilbert, Jr., Commissioner


Chris Ragen, Commissioner


Russell Winch, Commissioner


Bob Yoder, Commissioner

Introduced by: Councilmember Landman

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2026-13

**SUPPORTING HB 1142 -- ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY
AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park provides essential frontline services to its residents, including police and public safety; housing, economic and community development; public works and environmental services; recreation, arts and cultural events; and a municipal library; all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing State-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

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WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report** on establishing the Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to each member of the District 20 Delegation and to Staff at the Maryland Municipal League.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2026.

Attest:



Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk



Resolution: R-01-2026
Introduced: 03-19-2026
Adopted: 03-19-2026

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF LANDOVER HILLS IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Landover Hills provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, public works and code enforcement, all of which require stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's cities and towns contain 25 percent of the state's population but generate 37 percent of the state's sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of the Town of Landover Hills' revenues come from property taxes; and

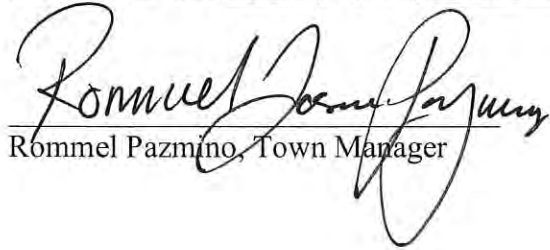
WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

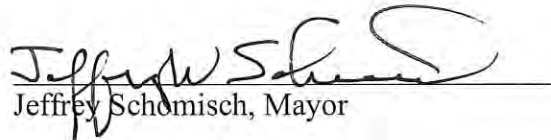
WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Landover Hills formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges our state representatives to support the bill and that the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee issue a Favorable Report.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Landover Hills, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on March 19, 2026

ADOPTED this 19 day of March, 2026.


Rommel Pazmino, Town Manager


Jeffrey Schomisch, Mayor

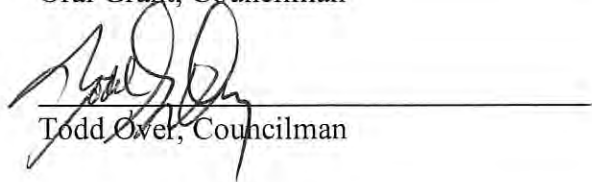

Glenda Johnson, Vice Mayor


Mike Walker, Councilman

Julio Murillo, Councilman


Kathleen Walker, Councilwoman

Oral Grant, Councilman


Todd Over, Councilman

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-09

Introduced by **City Council**

Date Introduced **March 23, 2026**

Amendments Adopted

Date Adopted **March 23, 2026**

Date Effective **March 23, 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT IN SUPPORT OF HB1142 ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the City of Seat Pleasant provides essential frontline services to its residents, including Waste Management services, public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland’s municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of City of the Seat Pleasant formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.

*Resolution R 26-09 To Support HB1142 To Establish a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources.
March 23, 2026
Page 1 of 2*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

Signed by:
Monica Higgs
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Monica Higgs, Councilmember

Garry A. Jones, Councilmember

Signed by:
Ashley Kearney
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Ashley Kearney, Councilmember

Signed by:
Shireka McCarthy
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Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember

Signed by:
Gerald R. Raynor, Sr.
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Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember

Kizzie Scott, Councilmember

Signed by:
Aretha A. Stephenson
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Aretha A. Stephenson, Councilmember

ATTEST:

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Dashaun N. Ball
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Dashaun N. Ball, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Resolution No. R-03-2026

A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington in Support of House Bill (HB) 1142, to Establish a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of County and Municipal governments within the State; and require the Task Force to submit a report of its finding and recommendation to the Governor and certain Committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Town of Kensington provides essential frontline services to its residents, including Code Enforcement, Parks, Public Works, and Stormwater Management, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are the primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, Maryland, the following:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Kensington formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.

2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

1. **The Senator representing District 18**

- Jeff Waldstreicher

1. **Each Delegate representing District 18**

- Aaron Kaufman
- Emily Shetty
- Jared Solomon

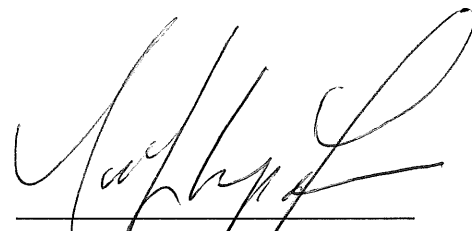
3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

Adopted by the Town Council this 18th day of March, 2026.

Effective this 18th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST: TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

By: 
Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer


Tracey C. Furman, Mayor

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION 2026-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY IN
SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE
COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES**

Introduced by: The Cottage City Commission

WHEREAS, The Town of Cottage City provides essential frontline services to its residents, including law enforcement, leaf removal, street cleaning, street maintenance and lighting, shuttle van and bus transportation, certain social and recreational services, community amenities, and other municipal services, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland’s municipalities are a primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of The Town of Cottage City -

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Cottage City formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. **The Senator representing District 47 – Senator Malcolm Augustine**
 2. **Each Delegate representing District 47 – Delegate Diana Fennell
Delegate Julien Ivey**
 3. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION 2026-07

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026, by The Cottage City Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND

Signed by:
John Hoatson
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John Hoatson, Town Manager

Signed by:
Wanda Wheatley
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By: Wanda Wheatley, Ward 3, Commissioner Chair

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 11th day of March 2026 with 5 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes, the aforesaid Resolution 2026-07 passed.

Signed by:
John Hoatson
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John Hoatson, Town Manager



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES

Sponsored by the Council President

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel provides essential frontline services to our residents, including a full-service police department, a full-service department of public works, a full-service department of parks and recreation, a full-service planning, zoning, and economic development department and a full-service permit, inspections, code enforcement and fire marshal department all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that the City of Laurel formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

- Speaker of the House Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, District 21
- Senator James C. Rosapepe, District 21
- Delegate Ben Barnes, District 21


- Delegate Mary A. Lehman, District 21
- Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

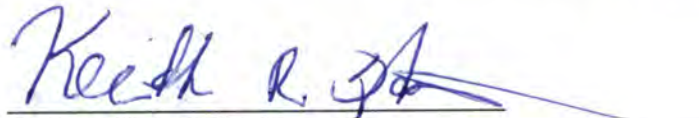
ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:


SARA A. GREEN, CPM, MMC
City Clerk


BRENCIS D. SMITH
President of the City Council

APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2026.


KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor



City of Annapolis
Signature Copy
R-7-26



Support of Maryland General Assembly House Bill 1142, Establishing the Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources

For the purpose of expressing the support of the Annapolis City Council for Maryland General Assembly House Bill 1142, which establishes a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources; and urging the Maryland General Assembly to pass said legislation.

City Council of the
City of Annapolis

Resolution 7-26

Introduced by: Mayor Littmann

Co-sponsored by: Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Smith-Brown

A RESOLUTION concerning

Support of Maryland General Assembly House Bill 1142, Establishing the Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources

FOR the purpose of expressing the support of the Annapolis City Council for Maryland General Assembly House Bill 1142, which establishes a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources; and urging the Maryland General Assembly to pass said legislation.

WHEREAS, The City of Annapolis is a premier tourist destination that draws millions of visitors annually to its historic waterfront, maritime heritage, restaurants, and cultural events, generating substantial sales tax revenue for the State of Maryland; yet, Maryland does not permit its municipalities to share in sales tax receipts, leaving Annapolis unable to capture revenue from the very economic activity its character and infrastructure make possible; and

WHEREAS, According to the Maryland Municipal League, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments, creating an over-reliance on local property taxes as the primary local revenue source; and

WHEREAS, A significant portion of land within the City of Annapolis is owned by government entities that are exempt from the City's property tax revenue base, including the State House complex, Maryland's two highest Courts, State office buildings, the United States Naval Academy, and Anne Arundel County facilities, substantially reducing the taxable property base upon which the City depends for the majority of its operating revenue; and

WHEREAS, This concentration of tax-exempt government and military property within City limits forces an inequitable burden onto Annapolis' residential and commercial property taxpayers, who must bear the full cost of City services that benefit the entire region; and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments across Maryland, including the City of Annapolis, are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing State-mandated costs and expanding service demands, making the need for a modernized and diversified local revenue framework more urgent than at any prior time; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's current local revenue structure has not been comprehensively reformed in decades and does not reflect the modern economy's shift toward services, digital commerce, and tourism-driven activity, all of which generate substantial economic value within the City of Annapolis without contributing proportionately to local government revenues; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources established under House Bill 1142 would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these structural inequities and recommend solutions that allow municipal governments like the City of Annapolis to achieve fiscal resilience, reduce the burden on local property owners, and ensure that those who benefit from City services contribute equitably to the cost of providing them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that:

1. The City formally supports the passage of House Bill 1142 in the Maryland General Assembly and urges the House Ways and Means Committee to issue a Favorable Report.

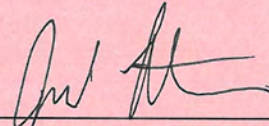
2. The City Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to:
1. State Senator Shaneka Henson of District 30;
 2. State Delegate Dana Jones of District 30A;
 3. State Delegate Dylan Behler of District 30A; and
 4. Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March 2026.

Aye: 9 Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

**THE ANNAPOLIS CITY
COUNCIL**

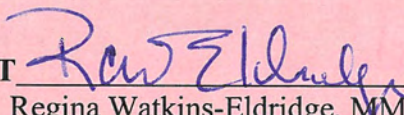


Jared Littmann, Mayor

Date:

March 24, 2026

ATTEST



Regina Watkins-Eldridge, MMC,
City Clerk

Date:

3/24/26



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF BERLIN IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Berlin provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are a primary driver of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital-based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Berlin hereby:

1. Formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report; and
2. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 1. Senator Mary Beth Carroza;
 2. Delegate Wayne Hartman and Delegate Howard Kevin Anderson;
 3. Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

Approved this 9th day of March, 2026 by the Council of the Town of Berlin, Maryland, by the following vote.

Name	Counted toward Quorum			Recused	Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain		
Dean Burrell, VP	X				
Steve Green	X				
Jay Knerr	X				
Shaneka Nichols	X				
Jack Orris	X				
Voting Tally	5				



Dean Burrell, Sr., Vice-President of the Council

Approved this 9th day of March, 2026 by the Mayor of the Town of Berlin.



Zackery Tyndall, Mayor and President of Council

ATTEST:



Mary Bohlen, Town Administrator

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL OF KITZMILLER

Resolution # 2026-02

Resolution Title: Town of Kitzmiller's Support of House Bill: 1142/SB

THIS IS A RESOLUTION of the Mayor and Town Council of Kitzmiller formally introducing the support of HB-1142/SB, Establishing the Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Sources.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Town Council of Kitzmiller provides essential frontline services to its residents, including (but not limited to) public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS Maryland's municipalities are a primary driver of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS The Mayor and Town of Kitzmiller recognize that Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

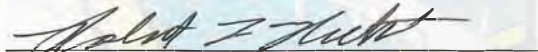
WHEREAS the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and


WHEREAS the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

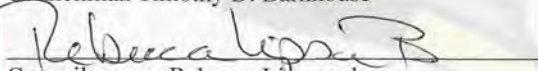
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Town Council of Kitzmiller, Maryland:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Kitzmiller formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**. And;
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the following:
 - 1) The Senator Representing District 1
 - 2) Each Delegate Representing District 1
 - 3) Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

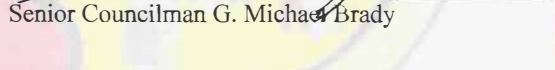
Carried by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 against (with 0 councilmembers abstaining), the Mayor and Town Council of Kitzmiller, Maryland officially passes this resolution on this 23rd day in the month of March of the year 2026, by the following:

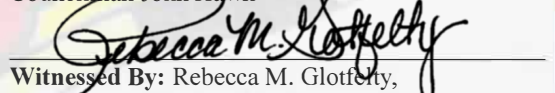

Robert L. Reckart, Mayor


Councilman Timothy D. Barnhouse


Councilwoman Rebecca Lipscomb


Senior Councilman G. Michael Brady


Councilman John Hawk


Witnessed By: Rebecca M. Glotfely,
Town Administrator



Town of Berwyn Heights

5700 Berwyn Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
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Fax (301) 474-5002

MAYOR
Tiffany Papanikolas

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Edgar Moctezuma (Mayor Pro Tem)
David Wolfinger
Roger Gaines
Chris Brittan-Powell

Resolution 04-2026

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES

WHEREAS, the Town of Berwyn Heights provides essential frontline services to its residents, including police services, public works, code compliance, parks and recreation programs, and municipal administration, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing significant inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, highlighting the urgent need for modern and flexible municipal revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:

- o Senator Alonzo T. Washington, Maryland Senate, District 22
- o Delegate Anne Healey, Maryland House of Delegates, District 22
- o Delegate Nicole A. Williams, Maryland House of Delegates, District 22
- o Delegate Ashanti F. Martinez, Maryland House of Delegates, District 22
- o Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

RESOLVED:

ATTEST:


Tiffany Papanikolas, Mayor


Melanie Friesen, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF SYKESVILLE
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE (THE "TOWN") IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142/SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES:

WHEREAS, the Town is a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, organized and existing under the Charter adopted in 1965, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town provides essential frontline services to its residents, including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are primary drivers of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of the wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades and does not reflect the modern shift toward a service and digital based economy; and

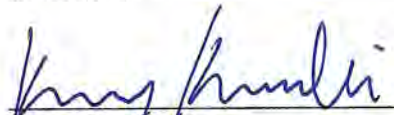
WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE, THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2026 THAT:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a **Favorable Report**.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to:
 - a. The Senator representing District 5
 - b. Each Delegate representing District 5
 - c. Staff at the Maryland Municipal League

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

ATTEST:

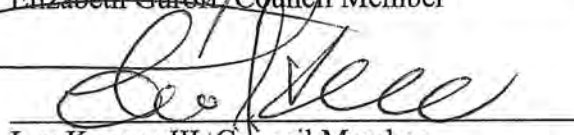

Kerry Kavaloski
Town Clerk

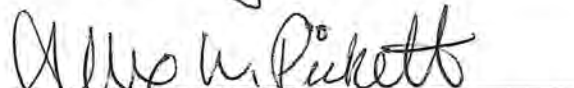

Stacy Link, Mayor


Anna Carter, Council Member and Council President


Mark Dyer, Council Member


Elizabeth Guroff, Council Member


Leo Keenan III, Council Member


Alex Pickett, Council Member


Brandon Smith, Council Member

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Uploaded by: Kevin Kinnally

Position: FAV



House Bill 1142

Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Budget and Taxation Committee

Date: March 31, 2026

From: Kevin Kinnally

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 1142. This bill establishes a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to review and recommend updates to Maryland's local revenue framework.

Local governments operate under State-defined tax systems that no longer reflect Maryland's modern economy. As a result, counties rely heavily on unpopular and regressive property taxes to fund core services, including education, public safety, critical infrastructure, and public health.

Even charter counties with broader authority remain constrained by limited revenue flexibility. At the same time, counties face rising costs and continued cost shifts from the State, often without meaningful tools to adjust local revenue structures to keep pace.

As costs grow and service demands increase, the current structure places sustained pressure on homeowners and narrows the options available to local leaders. Overreliance on residential property taxes limits counties' ability to align revenue sources with economic activity and community needs.

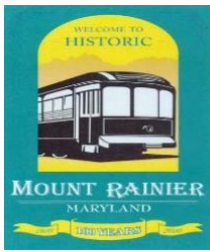
HB 1142 creates a focused forum to evaluate whether Maryland's local revenue system reflects today's economy and to consider practical options to diversify the local tax base. A more balanced structure can strengthen fiscal stability, reduce pressure on homeowners, and equip counties with the tools to address local priorities and a rapidly changing economy.

For these reasons, MACo respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1142.

Support of House Bill 1142.pdf

Uploaded by: Mayor Celina Benitez

Position: FAV



Office of The Mayor Celina R. Benitez

1 Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 Telephone: (301) 985-6585 MountRainierMD.org

March 27, 2026

Re: **Support of House Bill 1142**

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of House Bill 1142. Municipal governments like Mount Rainier serve on the front lines of delivering essential services to residents, businesses, and visitors. However, the fiscal tools available to municipalities have not kept pace with modern economic realities. House Bill 1142 represents a thoughtful and necessary step toward evaluating and modernizing those tools to ensure long-term sustainability and effectiveness in local governance.

The current municipal revenue structure is outdated. Many of the revenue mechanisms available to municipalities have remained largely unchanged for nearly half a century. During that time, the demands placed on local governments have grown significantly, including increased infrastructure needs, public safety responsibilities, and community services. Without updated and diversified revenue options, municipalities are constrained in their ability to meet these evolving demands.

Municipalities remain heavily reliant on property taxes as their primary source of revenue. This overreliance limits the ability of local governments to both adequately fund essential services and provide meaningful tax relief to residents. Property taxes alone cannot equitably sustain the wide range of services expected by today's communities, particularly in municipalities with diverse economic profiles.

Local Governments like Mount Rainier often function as economic and cultural hubs within the State. We host visitors who utilize local infrastructure, including roads, public safety services, parks, and other amenities. However, while municipalities bear the cost of providing these services, much of the tax revenue generated by visitor activity particularly sales tax flows to the State and does not return directly to the municipalities supporting that activity. This imbalance places an additional strain on local resources.

Finally, House Bill 1142 appropriately calls for a comprehensive study to evaluate municipal revenue structures and explore options for modernization. Such a study is critical to identifying sustainable, equitable, and flexible revenue solutions that will empower municipalities to govern effectively. Providing local governments with greater fiscal flexibility will enhance their ability to respond to community needs, support economic development, and maintain a high quality of life for residents.

For these reasons, the City of Mount Rainier respectfully urges a **favorable report on House Bill 1142**. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership. Please feel free to contact me at 301-985-6585 or via email MayorBenitez@MountRainierMd.org if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Celina R. Benitez

Mayor Celina R. Benitez, City of Mount Rainier.

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HB1142

March 31, 2026

TO: Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: House Bill 1142 – Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) enthusiastically **supports** House Bill (HB) 1142.

HB 1142 establishes a temporary Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study how local governments across the state generate revenue and what additional options may be available. The task force would include legislators, state fiscal officials, representatives from the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Association of Counties, and a representative from Baltimore City, with staffing provided by the Department of Legislative Services. It is charged with reviewing existing and potential revenue sources, comparing practices in other states, and assessing affordability and cost-of-living impacts, before issuing findings and recommendations to the Governor and legislative committees by December 1, 2026.

House Bill 1142 will be beneficial for all of Maryland's Counties and Municipalities because it creates a formal process to examine whether the localities have adequate and flexible revenue tools to meet their fiscal needs. For the past several years, jurisdictions, including Baltimore City, have been proposing various pieces of legislation to help address our long-term budget outlooks and to pursue local revenue generation options. By studying current and potential revenue sources and comparing them with options used in other states—the task force could identify ways for localities to diversify beyond their heavy reliance on property taxes, which are relatively high and can constrain growth. In Baltimore City, 49% of General Fund revenue comes from property taxes alone.

HB1142's required analysis of affordability and cost-of-living impacts also helps ensure that any new revenue authority is evaluated with equity in mind, potentially leading to more balanced funding approaches for services like infrastructure, public safety, and schools. In 2024, more than

28.5 million people visited Baltimore for overnight and day trips. The City is proud to serve as a significant tourist destination; however, we currently absorb the majority of costs associated with tourism through property taxes and income taxes. Therefore, finding ways to ensure that revenue structures are more equitable is highly important to the BCA.

Additionally, Baltimore's dedicated seat on the task force, as Maryland's largest City and its unique revenue challenges, ensures the city can be at the table to provide recommendations, increasing the likelihood that future policy changes reflect its unique fiscal challenges and urban service demands.

For these reasons, the BCA respectfully requests a **favorable** report on HB 1142.

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Keith R. Sydnor
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March 26, 2026

State of Maryland
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
The Honorable Senator James C. Rosapepe, Vice-Chair
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
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COMMITTEE: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee **BILL: HB 1142** – Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures **POSITION: FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Laurel, I am writing to express our strong support for HB 1142.

Our municipality, like many of the 157 cities and towns across Maryland, is operating under a revenue framework that has not been substantially modernized in nearly 60 years. Currently, property taxes account for approximately 67% of our general fund. While we take pride in providing essential services—from a full-service police department to a full-service department of public works and a full-service department of parks and recreation—this heavy reliance on a single revenue source is no longer sustainable in a modern economy.

HB 1142 is a common-sense, "study-first" approach. By establishing a blue-ribbon task force, the State can finally evaluate how we can:

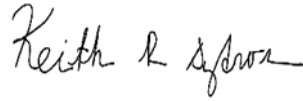
- **Relieve the Burden on Homeowners:** By identifying alternative revenue streams, we can move away from the "one-lever" system that forces us to raise property taxes to meet rising costs. Property taxes have also increased based on increases in assessments compounding this burden on homeowners and property owners.
- **Reflect a Modern Economy:** Our current tools were built for a mid-20th-century economy. We need a system that captures the value of our modern, service-based and visitor-driven economies.
- **Ensure Local Resilience:** Diversified revenue makes local governments more resilient to economic shifts, ensuring that municipal services remain stable even when the housing market fluctuates.

In the City of Laurel, we are currently facing rising costs of employee pay and benefits; increased utility costs for City-owned facilities; increases in the costs of vehicles and vehicle maintenance as well increased costs for street projects. Without modern revenue tools, our only option is to look back to our property owners for additional funding. This

task force is the necessary first step toward giving us the flexibility we need to keep our community affordable and vibrant.

We respectfully request a **FAVORABLE** report on **HB 1142**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith R. Sydnor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Keith R. Sydnor
Mayor

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SUPPORT
Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures
House Bill 1142

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
March 31, 2026

Sean Johnson
Executive Director

The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 1142, which establishes a task force to study and report on revenue options available to local governments.

MSEA represents 76,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools and community colleges, teaching and supporting our almost 900,000 K-12 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA represents more than 40 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

House Bill 1142 recognizes an important and timely reality: local governments face growing fiscal obligations and structural revenue constraints at the same time that Maryland has made historic commitments to strengthen public education and other essential services. Delivering on the promise of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future requires sustained partnership between the State and counties — and that partnership must include serious consideration of modernized, equitable revenue options.

By establishing a task force to examine local revenue authority and options, HB 1142 creates the space for a thoughtful, data-driven discussion about how counties can responsibly meet their obligations while protecting working families. Importantly, this conversation should include evaluation of progressive tax structures that ask those with the greatest ability to contribute — including large corporations, high-income earners, and owners of multiple residential properties — to play a fair role in supporting the communities in which they operate, reside, and vacation.



Educators see every day what happens when public systems are underfunded: larger class sizes, staffing shortages, aging facilities, and increased strain on student services. At the same time, we know that regressive revenue approaches can disproportionately burden the very families our public schools serve. A comprehensive review of available revenue tools offers an opportunity to prioritize fairness, sustainability, and economic growth alongside investment in education and other local priorities.

House Bill 1142 does not predetermine outcomes. Rather, it establishes a responsible process to identify viable, equitable local revenue strategies that reflect the fiscal realities facing Maryland's counties. MSEA believes that undertaking this review is a necessary step toward ensuring adequate, sustainable, and predictable funding for public education and other critical services.

For these reasons, MSEA urges a favorable report on House Bill 1142.

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CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

**Support House Bill 1142 - Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal
Revenue Structures
Senate Budget & Tax Committee
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The City of Takoma Park expresses its strong support for HB 1142, which establishes a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures. This bill seeks to bring together stakeholders to review and recommend ways to update and improve the revenue options available to cities and counties across Maryland.

Maryland's municipalities currently face limited choices in how they generate revenue. Many cities depend heavily on property taxes and a narrow set of fees, leaving them vulnerable when economic conditions change. Modernizing these structures is essential to provide flexibility and predictability, enabling cities to respond effectively to the needs of residents and businesses alike.

Municipalities make significant contributions to the state of Maryland. We provide services like housing, economic development, public works, and infrastructure, as well as public safety. The City of Takoma Park also invests in community programs that address food insecurity, affordable housing, and innovative local sustainability initiatives that enhance the quality of life of not just our residents but anyone who visits our community. Despite our best efforts, municipalities continue to face significant challenges in securing funding for this important work. With the expected reductions in federal grant funds, we can only anticipate these difficulties will increase, making it even harder to address local priorities and needs.

To strengthen Maryland's communities, it is vital for cities, counties, and the state to work together in identifying funding sources that are stable, fair, and diverse. Collaboration will empower local governments to continue making positive impacts and meeting the needs of their residents without financial uncertainty.

The City of Takoma Park thanks Delegate Wilkins for her leadership in bringing this important bill forward. We urge the committee to give HB 1142 a favorable report and support the task force's efforts to modernize municipal revenue structures for the benefit of all Marylanders.

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Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Bill: House Bill 1142 — Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee,

On behalf of the City of Gaithersburg, we respectfully submit this testimony in support of *House Bill 1142*, which establishes a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures.

The City of Gaithersburg supports thoughtful evaluation of the fiscal tools available to Maryland’s municipalities. Local governments are responsible for delivering essential public services, maintaining infrastructure, supporting economic development, and planning for sustainable growth. However, the revenue structures available to municipalities have not evolved at the same pace as the responsibilities placed upon them. HB 1142 represents an important opportunity to examine whether current revenue authorities align with modern fiscal realities and community needs.

House Bill 1142 establishes a task force composed of state and local representatives to study existing municipal and county revenue sources, evaluate optional or alternative revenue mechanisms, examine practices in other states, and analyze the impact of potential new revenue options on affordability and cost of living. The task force is also charged with making recommendations regarding the authority of local governments to increase or diversify revenue sources and reporting its findings to the Governor and General Assembly.

For municipalities like Gaithersburg, this work is critically important. Local governments are facing increasing demands related to infrastructure maintenance, transportation improvements, housing initiatives, climate resilience, public safety, and economic development. At the same time, revenue options available to municipalities remain relatively constrained and heavily dependent on traditional sources that may not fully reflect modern economic activity or growth patterns. A comprehensive review conducted through a collaborative state–local partnership will help ensure that Maryland’s local governments have the tools necessary to meet community needs while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

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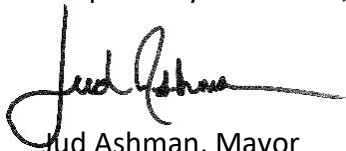
The City also appreciates that the bill includes representation from the Maryland Municipal League and Maryland Association of Counties, ensuring that local government perspectives are meaningfully incorporated into the task force's analysis and recommendations.

Importantly, HB 1142 does not mandate any specific policy changes but instead provides a structured process to evaluate options and develop informed recommendations. This measured approach allows policymakers to consider fiscal modernization in a thoughtful, data-driven manner that balances local autonomy, taxpayer impacts, and statewide economic competitiveness.

Strengthening the fiscal sustainability of municipalities ultimately benefits residents, businesses, and the State as a whole. Communities with stable and predictable revenue structures are better positioned to invest in infrastructure, support housing and economic development initiatives, and maintain high-quality public services.

For these reasons, the City of Gaithersburg respectfully urges a favorable report on House Bill 1142.

Respectfully submitted,



Jud Ashman, Mayor
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