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To: Members of the House Economic Matters Committee
From: MLTA Legislative Committee
Date: February 24, 2026 [Hearing date: February 26, 2026]
Subject: **HB 1009** – Transfer of Real Property - Recordation Certification and State Transfer Tax (Land Transfer Accountability Act)
Position: **Oppose**

The Maryland Land Title Association (MLTA) is a professional organization working on behalf of title industry service providers and consumers and is comprised of agents, abstractors, attorneys, and underwriters. **MLTA OPPOSES House Bill 1009 – Transfer of Real Property - Recordation Certification and State Transfer Tax (Land Transfer Accountability Act).**

While it is unclear precisely what the impetus for this bill is, it is highly likely that this additional requirement before a deed from the United States of America to any of the affected entities would greatly slow down recordation of such deeds. The bill calls for a form which SDAT is to develop and promulgate before the bill becomes effective on July 1, 2026. Review by the Office of the Attorney General before any such deed may be recorded is likely to substantially delay recordation and closing.

For the foregoing reasons, MLTA asks for an unfavorable report on HB 1009.