



HB 514

**Charitable Organizations – Charitable Donation and Tax-Exempt Status – Revocation
(Keeping Charities Nonpartisan Act of 2026)**

Hearing before the House Economic Matters Committee
Feb. 18, 2026

POSITION: Favorable

Community Law Center (CLC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which is a legal partner to Maryland neighborhoods and nonprofits in pursuit of more just and vibrant communities. CLC provides direct legal representation to nonprofits organizations on issues like tax exemption and organizational governance, real estate, contracts, intellectual property, employment law, and more. We advocate on issues that impact our Maryland neighborhood and nonprofit clients, including nuisance and vacant properties.

CLC supports HB 514 to keep 501(c)(3) charitable organizations focused on their charitable mission work, rather than on partisan political activities. This will allow 501(c)(3) nonprofits that work in our communities to maintain public trust and continue their important work, without concerns that they may be acting for the benefit of political candidates.

CLC supports HB 514. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

For the above reasons,
CLC urges a FAVORABLE VOTE ON HB 514.

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