



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

February 05, 2026

Hon. Marc Korman
Environment and Transportation Committee
Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: HB0068 FAVORABLE With Amendments

Chairperson Korman,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Preservation Maryland and our thousands of statewide supporters, I thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **SUPPORT of HB0068 with Amendments** – a piece of legislation that will require the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available a historic license plate for motor vehicles.

Why We Support This Legislation?

Our organization supports this legislation because it presents a creative opportunity for the general public to engage with the past and celebrate the history of our state. By creating a tangible connection between the past and the present, this legislation also has the potential to inspire citizens to preserve the historic resources of our state.

Additionally, in talks with the bill sponsors, we believe there may be an opportunity to utilize revenue generated by the program to support preservation projects in the state – thereby using the history of the state to benefit its preservation.

Requested Amendments

1. We have requested that the **revenue, after administrative costs, generated by the program be deposited in the following manner to support preservation** (starting at line 20 in the draft bill):

20 (2) CREDITED TO THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST FOR ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT TO A STATEWIDE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN GRANTMAKING, IN ORDER TO MANAGE AND COMPETITIVELY AWARD THE FUNDS AS GRANTS TO DESERVING PRESERVATION PROJECTS STATEWIDE.

2. Preservation Maryland, along with many representatives of the state's heritage and history community, request that the **bill title be amended to Old Line License Plate**. Old Line Plate has been the trade name used by Kara Mae Harris for the past decade as part of her efforts to elevate awareness of the state's culinary heritage and using the same name could unintentionally distract from her work and the several books she has published on the subject.

HB0068 is an innovative piece of legislation with the potential to inspire, generate funds for preservation, and build awareness for the history of our state, and we therefore urge a favorable report with amendments.

Favorable with Amendments

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas Redding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicholas A. Redding, President & CEO

Preservation Maryland is the nonprofit, statewide voice for historic preservation that harnesses the power of historic places by revitalizing and reinvesting in communities, advocating, and building the historic trades workforce for the benefit of all Marylanders. (Learn more at: presmd.org)