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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

SB0217 – Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund – Alterations
FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) in SUPPORT of SB0217 – Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund – Alterations.

The Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF) channels cannabis tax revenues into communities disproportionately harmed by past cannabis enforcement. SB0217 improves oversight of the fund by clarifying administrative responsibilities, strengthening county planning standards, and increasing coordination between counties and the Office of Social Equity.

The bill offers clearer direction on how counties identify impacted communities and use CRRF funds. By requiring counties to explain how proposed spending fits within authorized purposes, the legislation enhances transparency and accountability while preserving local flexibility. Mandating consultation with the Office of Social Equity in the development and revision of CRRF plans also supports consistency across jurisdictions and keeps reinvestment efforts focused on remedying the long-term effects of cannabis criminalization. That said, MCA notes the bill does not provide additional funding to support the staffing or administrative capacity needed to implement these requirements.

For these reasons, the Maryland Cannabis Administration supports Senate Bill 0217 and respectfully urges the Committee to issue a favorable report. Should the Committee have any questions or concerns, please contact me at Tabatha.Robinson@maryland.gov, or Selena Rawlley, Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, at Selena.Rawlley@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,
Tabatha Robinson
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Maryland Cannabis Administration