

Testimony on Senate Bill 69
Nonprofit Organizations Navigator – Termination Provision – Repeal
Senate Finance Committee
January 29, 2026

Position: Favorable

Maryland Nonprofits is a statewide association of almost 2000 nonprofit organizations and institutions. We strongly support the real of the termination/'sunset' provision that was included by amendment to last year's legislation creating the position of a Nonprofit Navigator within the Maryland Department of Commerce.

Since this position has been filled, the Nonprofit Navigator has already done extensive personal outreach across the state's nonprofit community, established a webpage with numerous resources, established a monthly newsletter with current grants information and opportunities, and measurably improved access to state agencies by nonprofits.

The Nonprofit Navigator is already providing:

- Assistance with State grant applications and review of final drafts of all other proposals.
- Resolution of procedural roadblocks after an award is made, especially payment delays or contractual/administrative snags, with awarded State grants.
- Grant Search Assistance and one-on-one support to assist nonprofits with finding relevant Federal, State, Local, and Private funding opportunities for their mission.

We urge you to support Senate Bill 69 and allow the Nonprofit Navigator to further strengthen the relationship of state agencies with the nonprofits that make up the majority of the state's service delivery network for our communities.