

# Testimony For HB1064

Honorable Delegates

Please enter a favorable report for HB1064.

I support

- Establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General;
- transferring the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education and the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health to be within the Maryland Office of the Inspector General;
- providing for the appointment, qualifications, salary, and term of office of the Inspector General;
- providing for the employment of certain staff by the Inspector General;
- establishing provisions related to the powers and duties of the Inspector General

We have already heard about the fraud in Minnesota and that Maryland has the second highest error rate in the country with its SNAP program. We need more accounting and auditing professionals in place to establish better controls over eligibility for our programs and to review spending to make sure the right person is receiving the right amount at the right time.

With reports in the press and on television that no one in the state government can report how much money various non-profits are receiving, how well, if at all, these organizations met the state goals, and more importantly, whether these organizations were doing the necessary paperwork to continue as an authorized non-profit per federal standards, the need for establishing a Maryland Office of the Inspector General could not be greater.

So please enter a favorable report for HB1064.

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