

HB 1085: Maryland Office of the Inspector General - Establishment (Maryland Government Efficiency and Accountability Act of 2026): Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Government, Labor & Elections Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT HB 1085**.

Maryland taxpayers deserve strong, independent oversight to ensure state funds are used effectively and ethically. **An OIG would provide unbiased, proactive scrutiny of state programs, contracts, and expenditures—helping detect inefficiencies, prevent corruption, and save money that can be redirected to core priorities like education, public safety, and infrastructure.** Independence from the Governor and agency heads is essential to ensure objective investigations and credible recommendations without political interference.

Many states and the federal government have successful OIG offices that have recovered millions in misspent funds, exposed wrongdoing, and driven meaningful reforms. **Maryland lags behind in establishing this critical accountability mechanism. HB 1085 is a commonsense step toward greater transparency, fiscal responsibility, and public trust in state government.**

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of HB 1085**.

Thank you for your attention to this important government accountability and taxpayer protection legislation.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals