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TESTIMONY ON HB#0705 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
State Government - Attorney General - Office of the Attorney General Enforcement
Recovery Fund – Establishment

TO: Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the Government, Labor and Elections Committee

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0705, **State Government - Attorney General - Office of the Attorney General Enforcement Recovery Fund – Establishment**

The General Enforcement Recovery Fund will consist of money deposited from qualified recoveries and any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the fund.

“Qualified recovery” means penalties obtained by the office through enforcement actions under title 11 of the commercial law article; title 13 of the commercial law article; or title 11, subtitle 3 of the corporations and associations article.

The fund may be used only to support the consumer protection, antitrust, and securities enforcement activities of the office, including:

- (1) investigation and prosecution of violations
- (2) expert witness fees and consulting services
- (3) technology and data analytics tools
- (4) training and professional development for enforcement staff
- (5) public education and outreach regarding consumer rights
- (6) any other direct enforcement–related expenses

This bill will establish the Office of the Attorney General Enforcement Recovery Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring that the Fund be used only to support the consumer protection, antitrust, and securities enforcement activities of the Office; and requiring certain monies to be deposited into the Fund.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0705.