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**To:** Members of the House Judiciary Committee  
**From:** MLTA Legislative Committee  
**Date:** January 29, 2026 [Hearing date: February 3, 2026]  
**Subject:** **HB 0130** – Criminal Law - Deed Fraud - Prohibition, Deed Fraud Prevention Grant Fund, and Task Force to Study Deed Fraud  
**Position:** **Favorable – with Amendments**

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The Maryland Land Title Association (MLTA) is a professional organization working on behalf of title industry service providers and consumers and is comprised of agents, abstractors, attorneys, and underwriters. **MLTA SUPPORTS House Bill 13 – Criminal Law - Deed Fraud - Prohibition, Deed Fraud Prevention Grant Fund, and Task Force to Study Deed Fraud with a request for amendments.**

Because deed fraud is a serious and growing issues, MLTA believes it in the best interests of the State and its citizens that the Task Force render its report in one, not two, years. MLTA also believes that the Task Force would be most effective if representatives from Maryland State Archives, the Maryland State Bar Association, the Circuit Court Clerks' Association and the Maryland Realtors were added to the task force.

With the above amendments, the MLTA urges a favorable report on HB 130.