



## TESTIMONY FOR

### HB0930 – Income Tax – Decoupling From Federal Changes – Education Expenses

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Forbes

**Committee:** House Ways and Means

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Aileen Alex, Co-Chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in support of **HB0930** on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. We are an association of unpaid citizen advocates—individuals and grassroots groups in every district across the state—representing and supporting more than 30,000 Marylanders.

HB0930 decouples Maryland from the “big, beautiful bill”. Specifically, HB0930 prevents Maryland from adopting new federal tax changes that steer public dollars toward private schools, including participation in a new federal voucher-style program. It also decouples from federal provisions that expand tax advantages for certain private-education savings accounts. These federal changes shift state resources toward private institutions at the expense of Maryland’s public schools.

Maryland’s public dollars should support PUBLIC education. HB0930 protects that principle by ensuring that our tax code does not subsidize private-school tuition or create new incentives that undermine the state’s commitment to strong, equitable public schools. Decoupling preserves Maryland’s ability to set its own education priorities and maintain a tax structure that reflects our values.

Our coalition advocates for policies that strengthen public education and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used transparently and responsibly. This bill keeps Maryland’s tax policy focused on supporting the public systems that serve all children, not just those with access to private options.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB0930.