

Chair Wilkens and Members of the Committee:

We request a favorable report on HB1142 on behalf of residents of Glen Echo, Maryland.

As a small, incorporated municipality within Montgomery County, Glen Echo residents pay both county and town taxes. Our town provides local services such as trash and recycling, street maintenance, and snow removal. Over time, questions naturally arise about tax duplication and whether current revenue structures accurately reflect today's service responsibilities and fiscal realities.

HB1142 offers a balanced approach. It does not mandate immediate change but instead creates a Task Force to study and modernize county and municipal revenue systems with timely results by December 2026. This review is necessary to ensure long-term sustainability for both counties and small municipalities like Glen Echo.

For communities navigating overlapping tax structures, this bill represents a constructive first step toward clarity and fairness. I respectfully urge a favorable report on HB1142.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Dia Costello

Glen Echo, Maryland