



TESTIMONY

HB0926 – Income Tax – Individual Itemized Deductions – Alterations

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

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 **HB0926** 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.

HB0926 decouples Maryland from the “big, beautiful bill”, specifically, the new, higher federal cap on the state and local tax (SALT) deduction. This federal change overwhelmingly benefits households with very high property values and does not reflect Maryland’s priorities or the needs of most Maryland families.

By maintaining Maryland’s existing SALT structure, HB0926 ensures that our tax code remains fair, sustainable, and aligned with the needs of everyday residents. It prevents an unnecessary and inequitable tax windfall for the wealthiest households while protecting the state’s ability to invest in education, transportation, public safety, and community infrastructure.

HB0926 directly advances the mission of the Maryland Legislative Coalition by promoting equity, transparency, and responsible fiscal stewardship. Our coalition works to ensure that Maryland’s tax policy supports working families and strengthens the public systems we all rely on.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB0926.