



## Testimony

### HOUSE BILL 1308

### Ways and Means Committee

March 3, 2026

Position: **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Wilkins and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Community Development Network of Maryland (CDN) is the voice for Maryland's community development sector and serves nearly 200 member organizations. CDN—focuses on small affordable housing developers, housing counseling agencies and community-based non-profits across the state of Maryland. The mission of CDN is to promote, strengthen and advocate for the community development sector throughout Maryland's urban, suburban and rural communities.

CDN has been part of the ongoing work to reform the process of tax sale in the state since 2016. In 2017, CDN was a lead partner in the Task Force to Study Tax Sales in Maryland. CDN currently serves on the Baltimore City Mayor's Tax Sale Workgroup in Baltimore City.

HB 1308 - Changes the calculation of the homeowners' property tax credit and alters limitations on eligibility for the credit relating to a homeowner's net worth and combined gross income.

According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies *State of the Nation's Housing 2025*, over a third (34 percent) of older households were cost burdened, paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing. This represents a new high of over 12.4 million households and an increase of nearly 2.3 million households just since 2019.

We urge your favorable report for HB 1308.

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