



TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE: House Ways and Means

DATE: March 3, 2026

POSITION: Unfavorable

BILL: HB 1482

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) appreciates the intent of HB 1482 to provide property tax relief to Maryland residents. However, we must respectfully oppose this legislation because it transitions a discretionary local tax credit into a state-mandated requirement. This shift undermines the fiscal autonomy of local governments and creates an unpredictable "one-size-fits-all" financial burden that does not account for the diverse budget realities of Maryland's municipalities.

Under current law, local governments have the authority to implement this property tax credit based on their unique fiscal health and the specific needs of their constituents. HB 1482 effectively functions as an unfunded mandate. When the state removes a local government's ability to "opt-in" to a credit, it removes the ability to manage a long-term fiscal strategy.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests an unfavorable report on House Bill 1482.

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