



# CITY TAKOMA OF PARK MARYLAND

**Support House Bill 1142 (HB 1142) – Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures**  
**House Economic Matters**  
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The City of Takoma Park expresses its strong support for HB 1142, which establishes a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures. This bill seeks to bring together stakeholders to review and recommend ways to update and improve the revenue options available to cities and counties across Maryland.

Maryland's municipalities currently face limited choices in how they generate revenue. Many cities depend heavily on property taxes and a narrow set of fees, leaving them vulnerable when economic conditions change. Modernizing these structures is essential to provide flexibility and predictability, enabling cities to respond effectively to the needs of residents and businesses alike.

Municipalities make significant contributions to the state of Maryland. We provide services like housing, economic development, public works, and infrastructure, as well as public safety. The City of Takoma Park also invests in community programs that address food insecurity, affordable housing, and innovative local sustainability initiatives that enhance the quality of life of not just our residents but anyone who visits our community. Despite our best efforts, municipalities continue to face significant challenges in securing funding for this important work. With the expected reductions in federal grant funds, we can only anticipate these difficulties will increase, making it even harder to address local priorities and needs.

To strengthen Maryland's communities, it is vital for cities, counties, and the state to work together in identifying funding sources that are stable, fair, and diverse. Collaboration will empower local governments to continue making positive impacts and meeting the needs of their residents without financial uncertainty.

The City of Takoma Park thanks Delegate Wilkins for her leadership in bringing this important bill forward. We urge the committee to give HB 1142 a favorable report and support the task force's efforts to modernize municipal revenue structures for the benefit of all Marylanders.

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