



March 3, 2026

The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
131 House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support – HB 1580 – Economic Development – Maryland Enhanced TIF Districts

Dear Chair Wilkins and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) supports House Bill 1580, which establishes Maryland Enhanced TIF Districts to enable transformational economic development projects and strengthen Maryland’s competitiveness.

MEDCO was established by the Maryland General Assembly to advance the State’s strategic economic development objectives through innovative financing and public-private partnerships. Over four decades, MEDCO has issued nearly \$9 billion in revenue bonds supporting projects across sectors including infrastructure, education, housing, and federal installations. In FY 2025 alone, MEDCO issued more than \$1 billion in financing supporting projects that expand opportunity and drive statewide economic growth.

House Bill 1580 provides a clear and commercially viable framework for enhanced tax-increment financing by authorizing MEDCO to issue bonds for major development projects, subject to approval by the Board of Public Works, and permitting the State—upon MEDCO’s recommendation—to pledge incremental State sales and income tax revenues to support these financings. This approach creates a reliable statutory mechanism to leverage State revenues in support of projects that generate substantial economic activity, jobs, and long-term fiscal returns.

Maryland faces increasing competition for large-scale investment, particularly for projects requiring significant upfront infrastructure and site development. Enhanced TIF districts will help close financing gaps that often prevent catalytic projects from advancing, especially on complex or underutilized sites. By aligning State participation with measurable new revenue generation, HB 1580 ensures that public support is performance-based and tied to economic outcomes.

HB 1580 builds on MEDCO’s longstanding role coordinating public and private partners to deliver complex projects and mobilize capital efficiently. The bill provides the tools needed to advance development opportunities that strengthen communities, expand the tax base, and accelerate inclusive economic growth across Maryland.

For these reasons, MEDCO respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1580.

Sincerely,

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J. Thomas Sadowski
CEO/Executive Director