



House Ways and Means Committee

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House Bill 90 – *Property Taxes – Authority of Counties to Establish Subclasses and Set Separate Rates for Land and Improvements to Land*

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC), with over 800 members, is the State’s largest association of technology companies. Our vision is to propel Maryland to be the country’s number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology. MTC brings the State’s life sciences and technology communities into a single, united organization that empowers members to achieve their goals through advocacy, networking, and education. On behalf of MTC, we submit this letter of **opposition** to House Bill 90.

House Bill 90 would authorize counties and Baltimore City to create subcategories of commercial and industrial property and impose an additional property tax rate on those properties.

House Bill 90 is intended to provide additional funding for transportation infrastructure and education. While those are laudable goals, we are concerned that the bill could have negative economic consequences. Granting counties this new taxing authority would further disincentivize businesses from locating or expanding in Maryland, due to the potential for increased taxes and the complexity of dealing with different tax rates across jurisdictions in which they operate.

Further, tax increases and unpredictability disincentivize investment into specific types of commercial and industrial properties, limiting economic growth. By discouraging investment, the proposal would slow job creation and weaken local economies, to the detriment of the communities. For these reasons, we request an unfavorable report.

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