



## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

February 16, 2021

**Committee:** House Ways and Means

**Bill:** HB 852 – Property Tax – Tax Sales – Homeowner Protection Program

**Position:** Support with Amendment

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 852, which would help keep more financially struggling residents in their homes by establishing the Homeowner Protection Program.

The tax sale process is an extremely important and must be balanced carefully. The League believes this legislation maintains that balance and will help our shared constituents who need it the most. We respectfully request a simple amendment that replaces “County” with “taking agency” or “tax collector” where appropriate to include municipalities in the bill.

Therefore, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 852 with a favorable report with amendments.

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