



February 2, 2021

The Honorable Madam Chair Anne Kaiser
House Ways & Means Committee

**RE: HB 573 - Baltimore County – Overdue Property Taxes – Waiver of Interest
and Penalties
Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Madam Chair Kaiser, Mr. Vice-Chairman Washington, and esteemed Members of the House Ways & Means Committee,

The Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors® (GBBR) is an association of Realtors®, brokers, and property managers advocating for property rights in the greater Baltimore area. On behalf of GBBR, we write to you in support of HB 573. We applaud Delegate Bob Long for sponsoring this legislation. Due to the unfortunate and unprecedented time we are currently experiencing, many homeowners are suffering severe financial consequences. This bill would require Baltimore County to waive interest and penalties for late payment of County property taxes on residential property for two years. This will alleviate some of the financial strain on homeowners throughout Baltimore County.

As an association, we strongly support legislation that supports homeownership and homeowners. This bill will provide some temporary relief to homeowners throughout the Baltimore County region.

Thank you for your time and we encourage your Committee to support a favorable report on HB 573.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ari M. Plaut', is written over a horizontal line.

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On Behalf of GBBR