



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0919
INCOME TAX - MARYLAND CHILD TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS AND SUNSET
EXTENSION**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Palakovich-Carr

Committee: Ways and Means

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0919 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

The Child Tax Credit is a very successful program that supports our lowest-income workers – those making less than \$15,000 per year. The pandemic has made those workers struggle even more, due to the rising prices that result from supply chain problems and worker shortages. Offering low-income workers some relief from taxes, in any way that is possible, will be a blessing for those that are living hand to mouth.

This bill will extend the Child Tax Credit and include children who are younger than 6 and children who are younger than 17 and have a disability. This could not be more timely.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.