



**TESTIMONY FOR HB1312**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY - RESILIENT MARYLAND REVOLVING LOAN FUND - ALTERATIONS**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Watson

**Committee:** Budget and Tax

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1312 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. We have over 30,000 members across the state.

Our members agree with the central concept of this bill that local governments and non-profit organizations need a backup funding channel in order to be able to support local resilience projects. The monies in the Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund would not take the place of monies that would normally be appropriated for resilience projects. Instead, it would supplement them and ensure that in times of need, that those projects could go forward.

We also like the fact that this bill would allow the fund to receive funds from FEMA.

We believe this is a good failsafe that would ensure that local governments can effectively mitigate hazards. The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports this bill and we recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in Committee.