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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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Vote Yes on Senate Bill 41

Bill Title: Baltimore City- Property Tax- Retroactive Exemption

Hearing Date: January 19, 2023, Budget and Taxation Committee

Mr. Chair and members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

I write to you today in **support** of Senate Bill 41. This bill protects and provides not-for-profits organizations of Baltimore City from accruing unnecessary property tax burdens. The tax exemption will be provided to non-profit organizations upon request. Our local jurisdiction will have access to provide retroactive exemptions for three taxable years.

Organizations like Roberta's House located in the heart of the 45th Legislative District are direct benefactors of this legislation. Roberta's House is a Family Grief Center who has been impacting lives across the State of Maryland. Unfortunately, they've encountered unintentional occurrences in which our local jurisdictions is unable to correct without statutory changes by the Maryland General Assembly.

We humbly request your support of Senate Bill 41 to grant organizations like Roberta's House and similar not-for-profits a path forward when unforeseen circumstances occur. The City of Baltimore will have permission to have a look back clause to remediate the issue. Regardless of whether the city, state, or not-for-profit is in error, the importance of providing a clear route to finding a solution is the most viable option for those providing needed services to our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray'.

**Cory V. McCray
State Senator**