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Baltimore City Council  
Committee on Taxation, Finance & Economic Development  
100 North Holliday Street  
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Dear Taxation, Finance & Economic Development Committee:

I'm writing today to offer my strong support of Council Bill 20-0632, which provides a property tax credit to Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake for its holdings within Baltimore City. The bill, which moves to adopt a local resolution from a bill signed into Maryland legislation in 2010 (HB 850), is the right step to take for work done by Habitat for Humanity in our area.

Habitat Chesapeake has partnered within District 46 over time, and I've sought to find ways to support their work in the district. The model for affordable homeownership that they provide within our region is a model of excellence for homeownership affordability and shows deep commitment to our City.

It is for the reasons of supporting their mission for homebuilding that I support adopting a resolution which a previous State Legislature deemed useful, and necessary, for Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Maryland.

I support the local adoption of this relief from property taxes for properties being held for development by one of our strongest local partners in providing housing affordability.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Ferguson  
Senate President