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Dear Baltimore City Council, Council Staff, and Residents:

I write to provide testimony regarding property taxes and Council Bill 25-0036–Baltimore City Payment in Lieu of Taxes Task Force. I've been a homeowner in Ridgley's Delight (District 10) for 3 years and a resident of the City for over seven years. The tax gap this bill addresses certainly remains one of my primary concerns.

I fully support the formation of the task force for developing a fair and transparent approach to address the City's tax gap. By including community members alongside local government representatives and representatives from local universities and hospitals, the task force can ensure and sustain an equitable negotiation process and secure fair contributions to annual City revenue. I also support the educational mission of the task force and its role in renegotiating for the 2026 PILOT Agreement, which must ensure sustainable funding for essential public services, including schools, parks, and other city systems and services.

While my work will prevent me from attending the hearing tomorrow, May 13 at 10am, please submit these comments of mine in support of the bill and of the task force it would establish. Also, consider me for any future support and service I might provide as a homeowner and resident.

Thank you for your ongoing good work in public service.

Best,
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