

I am a resident in district 14, writing in **strong support of 25-0036**, to create the task force for negotiating a new and fair PILOT agreement with our city's nonprofit anchor institutions.

The task force bill **should be passed clean, with no ammendments.**

Our city struggles with a high personal property tax burden and an unfair, longstanding PILOT with the most powerful institutions paying an embarrassing sliver of their means — while (according to the Baltimore Department of Finance) these institutions themselves use city services worth an order of magnitude more than they contribute, money raised from homeowners like me for their benefit.

I want to just tell one story that's meaningful to me about both how much our city struggles and needs more money, and also about how unfair the collection and distribution of tax wealth is in Baltimore, the city I love:

I know a woman who was starting a partly-philanthropic business in a redlined neighborhood. (I've decided not to use the word "formerly redlined".) It took her so long waiting for the city to get the water fixed and turned on that she nearly reached the end of her loan term before she could start business activities and begin taking in money in order to pay back the loan.

Businesses in neighborhoods that "have" don't have these problems. As long as we don't have the means to support the whole city, neighborhoods that have will continue to be the ones that get new businesses and further growth, while those that don't will see their businesses more likely to fail.