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Governor Wes Moore
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

President Bill Ferguson
H-107 State House
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Speaker Adrienne A. Jones
H-101, State House
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Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, Speaker Jones and members of the Maryland General Assembly,

RE: Supporting A Fair Share for Maryland (SB766/HB1007)

Maryland Nonprofits and the undersigned, committed to serving Maryland's communities, urgently call upon you to address the revenue crisis threatening the positive outcomes achieved during the 2024 General Assembly Session.

We commend the strategic investments in Maryland's future outlined in the Governor's FY2025 budget. These include provisions for state employee wages and benefits, the Child-Care Scholarship program, and investments in housing, community development, environment, and healthcare.

Fully funded, these programs would bolster the capacity of nonprofits and government agencies to tackle systemic inequities, particularly in addressing child poverty, promoting equitable economic growth, and improving healthcare access. However, our state's revenue system cannot support this.

We face worsening structural budget deficits, while a significant portion of large corporations operating in Maryland pay no income taxes, and the wealthiest 1% of Marylanders contribute proportionately less in taxes than the rest of us. Polling indicates widespread dissatisfaction with this system among Marylanders.

We must act swiftly to put Maryland on a sustainable path while upholding principles of justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a part of a long-term solution, the Fair Share for Maryland plan (SB766/HB1007 in the 2024 Regular Session) offers vital reforms to sustain our state's budget and ensure a fairer distribution of the tax burden.



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Shortchanging staffing and technology, shifting burdens to local governments, and delaying crucial program expansions are not viable long-term solutions. Over the past decade, these approaches have eroded the efficiency and responsiveness of state government.

We urge you to join your colleagues in the House of Delegates, recognize the reality of Maryland's budget crisis and take bold steps now to secure the state's future.

Thank you,

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Accessible Resources for Independence, Inc. (ARI)
ACLU of Maryland
Action For Kindness Inc
Advance Maryland
African American Fire Fighters Historical Society

After School Dance Fund / Baila4Life
Allegany County HRDC
Annapolis Marine Services
Anne Arundel Community Action Agency
Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Inc.
Anti-Racist Education Alliance, Inc.
Arts Education in Maryland Schools



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ATU Local 689
Baltimore Chamber Players
Baltimore Jewish Green & Just Alliance
Baltimore Urban Baseball Association, Inc.
BANTOUM USA FAMILY INC
BATGO, Inc.
Behavioral Health System Baltimore
Bridges to Housing Stability Inc.,
CASA
Cedar Ridge Children's Home & School
Challengers Independent Living, Inc
Charles County Charitable Trust Inc
Charting Careers, Inc.
Child Justice, Inc.
C-IMPACT
Climate Communications Coalition
Climate XChange Maryland
Community Alliance of South County
Community Development Network of
Maryland
Community Support Systems, Inc.
Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery
County
Coppin State University
Crossroads Community Food Network
Disability Rights Maryland
E3YP
Economic Action Maryland
Fair Chance
Faith in Family Community Center, Inc
Financial Literacy 1st
Flying V Theatre
Food 4 Thought Community Outreach
Services, Inc.
Gentle Hands and Feet
Help By Phone Ltd

Hermandad, INC
Homeless Persons Representation Project
HOPE For All
ImpactHumanity Inc.
Institute for Public Health Innovation
Intersection of Change
It's About The Kids Education Organization,
Inc.
Jews United for Justice
Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services, Inc.
League of Women Voters of Maryland
love disabled kids INC
Luminus Network for New Americans, Inc.
Lyceum Insurance Services LLC
Maryland Center on Economic Policy
Maryland Education Coalition (MEC)
Maryland Information Network, 211 MD
MARYLAND NETWORK AGAINST DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE INC (MNADV)
Maryland Rise
Maryland Sierra Club
Mediation Services
Montgomery County Federation of Families
for Children's Mental Health, Inc.
NAMI Maryland, Inc.
National Association of Black Storytellers
Outcast Food Network
Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation
Partnership for children youth and families
Passion & Compassion Inc.
Paths for Families
Professional Development and Research
Center International, Inc
Project PLASE, Inc.
Promoting Positive Change, LLC
Public Justice Center
Rage Against Addiction



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SEIU Local 500
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Homelessness
Story Tapestries Inc
Student Social Work
The Board Room Chess Inc
The Global Z Recording Project
The Healing Initiatives, Incorporated

The Parents' Place of MD
The Right Source, Inc.
The Shriver Center at UMBC
The urban spirit foundation
Touch Stones Financial Wellness Services
Tuerk House, Inc.
Ulman Foundation
William A. Russ, CPA, PC
Women With Initiatives, Inc.
Word Dance Theater
World Arts Focus dba Joe's Movement
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