

Economic Matters Committee

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House Bill 483

Charitable Organizations – Audit and Review Thresholds

SUPPORT

The Association of Community Services (ACS) of Howard County, a 501c3 nonprofit, works to champion, strengthen, and connect our county's nonprofits. Our eighty nonprofit members provide critical services ranging from housing to food assistance, legal services, mentoring, transportation, elder care, and more.

ACS supports House Bill 483, which increases the threshold on income from charitable contributions at which nonprofit organizations are required to have a financial review or audit. Specifically, the threshold increases from \$300,000 to \$500,000 for a review, and from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 for an audit.

In the ten years since the limit was last increased, the cost of conducting a review or audit has increased significantly. At a time when nonprofits are facing cuts in federal grants and a tougher fundraising environment, reducing this cost burden for at least some nonprofits would provide welcome relief.

Howard County depends on nonprofits to deliver a wide range of essential services. Please support this bill to help nonprofits navigate these challenging economic times.

ACS strongly urges a favorable report on HB 483.

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