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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2018 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 55-2018

Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa and Calvin Ball

AN ACT repealing the mobile home site rental tax; and generally relating to mobile home developments.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2018. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 *Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard*  
2 *County Code is amended as follows:*

3 *By amending*

4 *Title 16. Planning, zoning and subdivisions and land development regulations.*

5 *Subtitle 5. Mobile Home Development.*

6 *Section 16.510. Mobile home site rental taxes.*

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8 **Title 16 - Planning, zoning and subdivisions and land development regulations.**

9 **Subtitle 5. - Mobile Home Development.**

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11 **Sec. 16.510. - Mobile home site rental taxes.**

12 (a) Definitions:

13 (1) Rent means the amount of money or other consideration charged for the right to  
14 use, possess or occupy a mobile home site and does not include late charges or fees, special  
15 charges or fees, utility or service charges or fees and installation or hook-up charges or fees.

16 (2) Rental class means a group of mobile home sites in which an identical rent is  
17 charged for each site.

18 (b) Tax established means there is a tax on the amount of rent charged for the rental of mobile  
19 homes sites in mobile home parks. The tax is based on the amount of the annual rent charged for  
20 rental of the site. The mobile home site tax shall not apply to mobile homes stored and  
21 unoccupied at the mobile home park nor to property in mobile home subdivisions.

22 (c) [[Amount of tax means the amount of the annual mobile home site rental tax shall be  
23 calculated as follows:

24 (1) Ten percent of the first \$3,600.00 of annual rent charged; and

25 (2) Five percent of the amount of annual rent charged over \$3,600.00]] AS OF JULY 1,

26 2018, THE MOBILE HOME SITE RENTAL TAX IS REPEALED.

27 (d) Collected by mobile home park licensee means the mobile home park licensee shall collect  
28 one-twelfth of the annual mobile home site rental tax each month from each renter of a mobile  
29 home site in the park.

30 (e) Receipt to renter means:

31 (1) Prior year's tax —On January 31 of each year the licensee shall give the renter of  
32 the mobile home site a separate receipt for the total mobile home site rental tax paid by the renter  
33 during the previous calendar year.

1 (2) Renter vacates—Receipt for current year's tax: Within 30 days after a renter of a  
2 mobile home site vacates the park, the licensee shall give that renter a separate receipt for the  
3 total mobile home site rental tax paid by the renter during the current calendar year.

4 (3) More frequent receipts —The licensee may provide monthly, quarterly or  
5 semiannual receipts for the mobile home site rental tax in addition to the annual receipt.

6 (f) Licensee remits mobile home site rental tax to Director of Finance means on or before the  
7 tenth of each month, the licensee shall remit to the Director of Finance of Howard County the  
8 mobile home site rental tax collected during the previous month.

9 (g) Information to be provided when mobile home site rental tax is remitted means when the  
10 licensee remits the mobile home site rental tax collected during the previous month to the  
11 Director of Finance, the licensee shall also provide the following documentation:

12 (1) The number of sites for which the park is licensed;

13 (2) The number of sites rented during the previous month;

14 (3) For each rental class during the previous month:

15 (i) The monthly rent per unit;

16 (ii) Total rent collected, including rent unpaid from prior months; and

17 (iii) Total tax collected and remitted.

18 (h) Audit—Requirement to maintain records means the County may audit the records of  
19 licensees to determine that the mobile home site rental tax has been correctly calculated and  
20 reported to the Director of Finance. The licensee shall maintain for two years the records of rent,  
21 charges and fees collected monthly and shall make these records available to the County upon  
22 request.

23 (i) Penalties for late remittance means there is a penalty for late remittance of the mobile home  
24 site rental tax as follows:

25 (1) One-half percent of the total amount of the tax owed if remitted during the month  
26 when due, but after the tenth of that month;

27 (2) One percent of the total amount of the tax owed if remitted after the month when  
28 due, but before the end of the following month.

29 (3) Ten percent of the total amount of the tax owed if still unpaid after the end of the  
30 second month when due, plus one percent interest per month on the unpaid taxes.

31 (j) Enforcement means in addition to other enforcement remedies provided by law, the  
32 following enforcement measures may be used:

1 (1) Revocation of license. A licensee's nonpayment of the mobile home site rental tax  
2 or frequent late remittance of the tax may constitute grounds for revocation of the license for a  
3 mobile home park.

4 (2) Civil violation. The Director of Finance may enforce the provisions of subsections  
5 (e), (g) and (h) of this section with civil penalties pursuant to title 24, "Civil Penalties," of the  
6 Howard County Code. A violation shall be a Class B offense.

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8 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*  
9 *this Act shall not affect any tax due and owing before July 1, 2018.*

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11 *Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*  
12 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 55-2018

BY: The Chairperson at the request  
of the County Executive, Calvin Ball,  
and Jennifer Terrasa

Legislative Day: 11  
Date: July 27, 2018

Amendment No. 1

*(This amendment:*

- 1. Requires the holder of a mobile home park license to provide certain notice to all renters from whom the tax is collected:*
- 2. Requires the holder of a mobile home park license to provide certain certifications to the Director of Finance; and*
- 3. Authorizes the suspension of a license for failure to provide notice and certifications.)*

1 On page 3, in line 7, insert:

2 “(k) After repeal of the Mobile Home Site Rental Tax -

3 (1) The Director of Finance shall provide written notice to all licensees regarding the  
4 effective date of the repeal of the mobile home site rental tax and the refund process.

5 (2) Upon receipt of the notice required by subsection (k)(1), a licensee shall fully disclose in  
6 writing the repeal of the mobile home site rental tax to all renters from whom the tax is  
7 collected.

8 (3) Within four (4) months of the effective date of a repeal of the Mobile Home Site Rental  
9 Tax, the licensee shall provide to the Director of Finance a written certification (a) that  
10 the licensee has provided the notice required by subsection (k)(2), and (b) that any  
11 mobile home site rental tax collected by the licensee on or after July 1, 2018 has been or  
12 shall be credited or reimbursed to each renter from whom the tax was collected,  
13 including any tax and interest thereon refunded to the licensee by the County.

14 (4) The licensing authority may suspend or revoke the license of a licensee that fails to  
15 comply with this section.”.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Stuart TenHoor <stuart@stuarttenhoor.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 07, 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** FW: mobile home site rental act

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**Cc:** 'akittleman@howardcountymd.gov' <akittleman@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** mobile home site rental act

Re-send 1<sup>st</sup> one bounced back

I understand this tax was not repealed this week so my comments may be of less value but wanted you to have this any way. I apparently did not have the proper email address initially.

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**From:** Stuart TenHoor <[stuart@stuarttenhoor.com](mailto:stuart@stuarttenhoor.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:21 AM  
**To:** 'allan.kittleman@howardcountymd.gov' <[allan.kittleman@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:allan.kittleman@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** mobile home site rental act

To Mr. Kittleman and Council

I am asking that you vote to repeal this tax because it targets the most vulnerable in HC. 10 years ago I was coaching my son's HCYP basketball team and gave one of the players a ride home and didn't know where that might be. He lived in trailer park with several siblings and a single mom who ran a dance studio in an effort to get by. If she would have had the extra \$45 or so that she would get from a tax repeal, it would have helped her out a lot back then. I know there are still many people like her living in trailer parks trying to get by.

Please consider this without dwelling too much on re-election...I urge you to vote the way your father might have voted when he was a member of our church (UCC) many years ago!

Best wishes to you.

Stuart TenHoor

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Jackie Melton <jmelton@iname.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 6:56 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** VOTE YES ON CB55

I support support CB55, the Mobile Home Tax Repeal bill. Please vote YES on this bill.

Thanks,  
Jackie Melton  
Howard County resident

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** MC <mc.jhmi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 3:43 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB55-2018

I can't figure out why we can't remove this regressive tax?

Mobile Homes are unique unto themselves. The ground upon which they sit is subject to commercial property tax, not residential. Therefore they are totally different than apartments and comparisons are nonsensical.

Residential assessments which bundle together land value and improved value are tied together because the structure is permanent and immovable.

All arguments that seek to compare mobile homes with residential property taxes is an apple to orange comparison.

In a county that is scrambling to provide sufficient affordable housing and a pathway to home ownership- this tax is regressive and self-defeating.

I'm shocked that the Council can't get behind this. If you're an advocate for affordable housing- you must support it. If you're an advocate for lower taxes- you must support it.

It's a scrambled legacy to say you are in favor of lower taxes- but in your last gasp- you choose not to repeal this regressive tax on hard working Americans.

It's a scrambled legacy to say you are in favor of affordable housing in a market screaming for more units- but you don't offer relief to a vulnerable segment of our society.

I hope you'll take this off the table and end your years of service as council members by voting in favor of something that offers significant relief to constituents.

On a personal note- I'm very grateful to each of you for serving this community. Sometimes we've agreed, sometimes we haven't, but I've always respected your commitment and your contributions.

Fair winds,

Mary Catherine Cochran  
10269 Tuscany Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Tim & Deb Lattimer <lattimertp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please vote "Yes" on CB 55

We are concerned about the increasingly scarce supply of affordable housing in Howard County. Repealing the County's mobile home rental tax would help toward remedying the fundamental unfairness of such a tax. We urge that you vote in favor of CB-55 for the "Mobile Home Rental Tax Repeal." Thanks very much.

Tim & Debi Lattimer  
Columbia, MD

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ron Meservey <rtmeserv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 03, 2018 7:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote for CB55, the Mobile Home Tax Repeal bill

Dear County Council Members,

Please vote for CB55, the Mobile Home Tax Repeal bill, tomorrow evening, September 4!

Please try to imagine what it would mean to county residents, many of whom have to struggle to afford basics like dental care and/or the cost of school supplies for their children, to have \$40-60 more each month to help them meet their needs.

Every month you delay acting on this bill, the economically vulnerable residents of Howard County mobile home parks have to pay this tax again out of their very limited funds. And if you kick the can down the road until your successors take office, that will mean even more months of delay and an even larger tax burden for some of our most vulnerable Howard County residents..

Thank you,

Ron Meservey  
9447 Brett Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** RoseMarie Meservey <rmmeserv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 03, 2018 4:56 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote for CB55, the Mobile Home Tax Repeal bill

Dear County Council Members,

Please vote for CB55, the Mobile Home Tax Repeal bill, tomorrow evening, September 4!

Please try to imagine what it would mean to county residents, many of whom have to struggle to afford basics like dental care and/or the cost of school supplies for their children, to have \$40-60 more each month to help them meet their needs.

Thank you,

RoseMarie Meservey  
9447 Brett Lane, Columbia

Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 02, 2018 11:01 PM  
**To:** alicekpham@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** CB-55

**First Name:** Alice  
**Last Name:** Pham  
**Email:** [alicekpham@yahoo.com](mailto:alicekpham@yahoo.com)  
**Street Address:** 9650 Sandlight Ct  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** CB-55

**Message:** I'm writing to urge you to support CB55 -Mobile Home Rental Tax Repeal. Mobile Home owners generally have low income and are living in homes that constantly depreciate. Meanwhile, they are at the mercy of their landlords. They desperately need the relief this bill offers.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 02, 2018 11:01 PM  
**To:** alicekpham@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** CB-55

**First Name:** Alice  
**Last Name:** Pham  
**Email:** [alicekpham@yahoo.com](mailto:alicekpham@yahoo.com)  
**Street Address:** 9650 Sandlight Ct  
**City:** Columbia  
**Subject:** CB-55

**Message:** I'm writing to urge you to support CB55 -Mobile Home Rental Tax Repeal. Mobile Home owners generally have low income and are living in homes that constantly depreciate. Meanwhile, they are at the mercy of their landlords. They desperately need the relief this bill offers.

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**From:** Notlimah3@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 8:15 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** repeal the mobile home tax

This is not fair and should be repealed. I will vote and persuade as many people as I can to vote against anyone not in favor of repealing this bill.

HW Shoop

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Albert Holm <aholm@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 5:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Council Bill 55

Dear Council Member and Friend of Howard County,

Please pass Council Bill 55 during the September 4 session. Why should our least prosperous residents be subjected to a special tax that no one else pays? Lets keep affordable housing in Howard County as affordable as possible.

Albert Holm  
10081 Fair Beauty  
Columbia, MD 21046

**From:** JP Nunemaker <pyrojoe@pyrojoe.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; allan.kittleman@howardcountymd.gov  
**Subject:** Yes on CB55

Hello,  
I would like to express my concerns about why it seems CB55 is having issues being supported. I keep hearing that the reason for voting against it is that because homeowners pay property tax on their land and home, and therefore mobile home owners should too. I would agree with that statement if we had the same services and security of land ownership that homeowners had. We do not get many county services - trash collection, street repair, snow removal just tonname a few. All of those services we have to pay for. We also do not own the land that our homes are on. How many homeowners are at risk of not having anywhere to live because the land on which their home resides could be sold at a moments notice?

I would have no problem paying the additional tax if it came with all of the additional security and services that 'regular' homeowners get. Unfortunately we do not, so I am asking for your support in either passing the bill or at least reducing it to a fixed value that is more in line with what other parks in the neighboring counties pay.

Thank you for your time  
JP Nunemaker  
Deep Run Park resident

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JP Nunemaker  
(AnythingYouWant)@pyrojoe.com



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Gail Holm <gailholm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB55

I urge you to vote and vote "yes" on CB 55 September 4. Research over past months has indicated that mobile homes owners are paying an extra, unfair tax. Other jurisdictions have abolished this type of tax. Howard County should do the same. We don't need to burden citizens who are struggling to make ends meet with unfair taxes.

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Gail P. Holm

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Wendy Ramsey <wmram349@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** allan.kittleman@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Bill CB55-2018 Mobile Home Site Rental Tax in Howard County

Hello Mr. Kittleman & Council,

I am writing to ask if you will vote yes for this bill. Repealing the tax will put roughly an extra \$45/month in the pockets of about 1,100 citizens who are living in the remaining few mobile home parks in the county. There is no similar tax for renters of apartments or homes. In addition, mobile homes offer a form of affordable housing in a county that has a hard time providing inexpensive places to live.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy Ramsey

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Susan Moody <susanmoody822@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 6:48 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** CB55YES@mail.com  
**Subject:** For CB-55

Vote for and sign CB-55. Repeal this regressive tax that targets poor people.

Susan Moody  
9506 Red Apple Lane  
Columbia, MD 21046

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Guy Moody <moodys@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 7:18 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** cb55yes@mail.com  
**Subject:** Vote Yes and Pass CB55

Dear County Council and County Executive Kittleman,

Please vote yes (Council) and sign (Mr. Kittleman) County Bill 55 into law. It is simply unconscionable that some our most vulnerable county residents are paying this rental tax, often forcing them to make tough choices to forego buying food, seeking medical care, and other necessities to the extreme detriment of their families and themselves. Surely, a county as wealthy as ours can find better ways to raise money than on the backs of these residents through this regressive tax.

Sincerely,

Guy Moody  
9506 Red Apple Lane  
Columbia, MD 21046  
Cell Phone: (240) 447-0831  
Sent from my iPhone

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Philip Curran <pastor@cucc-md.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 6:37 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB55

Good Morning County Executive Kittleman and Council Members,

I'm writing to ask that the vote on CB55 not be delayed and that it be passed.  
The guiding texts that help form my faith are filled with references to being hyper aware of those who struggle.

From my perspective, budget issues should never be resolved or alleviated by saddling those who have the least amount of financial resources with unfair taxes.

As we work together to build a healthier, stronger Howard County, may we not make the lives of those who are financially challenged more difficult.

With Gratitude,  
Phil Curran

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Philip N. Curran  
Pastor  
Columbia United Christian Church  
301-514-2742

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** RoseMarie Meservey <rmmeserv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 5:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote Today to approve CB55

Howard Council Members:

I was at the hearing on July 16 and witnessed powerful testimony urging the repeal of the regressive tax on Mobile Home residents. Sadly our County does little to insure affordable housing in our borders. Mobile home living is the only non-subsidized housing we have. The majority of the residents are lower income and many are on fixed incomes and living on a shoestring budget.

Recently Anne Arundel repealed their comparable tax. It is past time for Howard County to follow their lead.

Sincerely,

RoseMarie Meservey

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** nanettems@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 6:53 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Repeal of tax on mobile home park residents

Member of the Howard County Council,

As a resident of Howard County, I am emailing in support of repealing the tax for mobile home park residents. Please **VOTE YES ON PASSAGE of CB55.**

Thank you.

Nanette M. Schweitzer  
10001 Windstream Dr., #108  
Columbia, MD 21044

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Amy R Brooks <amyreeneebrooks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 7:09 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** No more mobile home tax

This unfair tax must end. HoCo is better than this!!

Amy Brooks- 21045



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ron Meservey <rtmeserv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 7:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote to approve CB55 today

Dear County Council Members,

Please approve CB55 at today's session, the bill to terminate the tax on mobile home park residents, as Anne Arundel and other counties have recently done. It is a burdensome tax on some of Howard County's poorest and most vulnerable residents and cannot be justified. Thank you in advance for your compassion and sense of decency.

Sincerely,

Ron Meservey  
9447 Brett Ln, Columbia, MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Kelly Johnson <ksumme@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 9:14 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** don't delay CB55

Dear County Executive Kittleman: Please don't delay. It's past time to give relief to some of our most vulnerable Howard County residents. Please pass bill CB55 and eliminate this unfair and onerous tax on trailer park residents!!

I enjoyed meeting you at the 4th of July parade in Clarksville this year.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Johnson

Micah 6:8: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ann Smith <annbsmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 9:12 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote to approve CB55 today!

Dear County Council Members,

Please approve CB55 at today's session, the bill to terminate the tax on mobile home park residents, as Anne Arundel and other counties have recently done. It is a burdensome tax on some of Howard County's poorest and most vulnerable residents and cannot be justified. Thank you in advance for your compassion and sense of decency.

If you want to balance the budget, add an equivalent tax on homes greater than 4000 square feet, as these people can better afford it.

Sincerely,

Ann Smith  
[9443 Brett Ln, Columbia, MD 21045](mailto:annbsmith@gmail.com)

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Gail Holm <gailholm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 8:33 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB-55

I urge you to vote yes on CB 55 today. Research over past months has indicated that mobile homes owners are paying an extra unfair tax. Other jurisdictions have abolished this type of tax. Howard County should do the same. We don't need to burden citizens who are struggling to make ends meet with unfair taxes.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Jeanne Bolton <jbolton05@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote YES on CB55!!!!

Dear County Council Members: Please don't delay. It's past time to give relief to some of our most vulnerable Howard County residents. . Please vote YES on bill CB55 and eliminate this unfair and onerous tax on trailer park residents!!

Jeanne Bolton  
7546 Red Cravat Ct.  
Columbia, MD 21046

Jeanne Bolton  
jbolton05@verizon.net

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Hector R. Rodriguez <hectorraul@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 8:08 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Pass CB55, repealing the regressive tax on Mobile Home Park residents

If ever a tax was to be repealed, this is it! I trust you will repeal it this morning without delay!

Héctor R. Rodríguez  
6960 Sunfleck Row  
Columbia, MD  
443-631-0115



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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Twila McDonough <twilalm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 8:02 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Mobile Home Tax

Please vote THIS am to approve  
CB 55.

Property owns are paying taxes. Apartment renters do not pay a monthly tax to Howard.  
If "you" OWN the land pay the taxes.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 8:34 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support Amendment 1 to CB55-2018

Dear Councilmembers,

I write in support of Amendment 1 to CB55-2018. At the public hearing, I testified on the need for language to implement the repeal of the Mobile Home Site Rental Tax and help ensure that any refunds are credited or refunded to the renters. While the language does not address every possible scenario or deal with the confusion I anticipate for some in paying their rent and tax in August and September in advance of the effective date in 61 days, the amendment substantially addresses the major implementation issues.

To make the enforcement of the amendment comparable to other parts of the Mobile Home Site Rental Tax law, I would suggest that "(k)" be added in page 3, line 5. Furthermore, to make the law less cumbersome, the amendment itself could be inserted on page 2, line 31 as paragraph "(j)" and renumber paragraph "(j)" as paragraph "(k)."

In addition, because the record keeping and notice requirements of the Mobile Home Site Rental Tax will remain applicable for several years after repeal, the deletion of the old tax amounts in page 1, line 22 will cause the need for additional research by those reading the codified bill. In the absence of leaving the old tax amounts in the Code, perhaps Municode could be asked to write a detailed editor's note.

Please let me know if you need clarification on these topics.

Sincerely,

Joel Hurewitz





July 16, 2018

Mary Kay Sigaty, Chairperson  
Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Re: Council Bill 55-2018

Dear Chairwoman Sigaty,

Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc. ("Bridges") would like to take this opportunity to thank County Councilpersons Jen Terrasa and Calvin Ball for introducing CB55-2018 to repeal what we believe is a regressive tax on some of the most economically-vulnerable renters in the County. In a county where there is already a shortage of affordable rental housing for low-income households (eg. a dearth of about 6,000 units for households making 50% or less of the County's median income), mobile homes parks offer some of our County's residents one of most financially-sustainable housing rental options available. Any tax imposed on mobile home renters is an additional housing burden that makes the housing less sustainable and increases their risk of homelessness.

While we understand that this tax generates income for the County in the amount of approximately \$614,500 per annum and that any repeal of the tax equates to a reduction in the amount of funding available to cover public services, this amount is a nominal percentage of the County's overall budget (0.055%) while the taxes paid by these individuals and families comprise a significant percentage of their spendable income. Further, keeping mobile home rentals affordable means fewer households becoming homeless and needing homelessness services, which represents a separate cost to the County and taxpayers. Providing access to housing generally results in cost savings for communities because housed people are less likely to use emergency services such shelters, hospitals and jails, than those who are homeless. A 2017 national study and report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness found that a chronically homeless person costs taxpayers an average of \$35,578 per year. At that rate, the tax revenue generated by this tax would be offset by costs/expenses to the community by as few as 17 more households becoming and remaining homeless over the course of one year. If this bill and the repeal of a rather punitive tax allows our community to preserve some of the most affordable housing available in the County and keep these individuals and families housed, then in the long-run it will prove to be a cost-effective measure for taxpayers.

Other landlords in the community are not legislatively mandated to assess a tax on their renters the way the existing law requires of mobile home/lot landlords, so in comparison it appears punitive against some of the most economically-vulnerable residents in our County. Even if the tax weren't directly billed to the renter, any tax on mobile home rentals would still be passed through by a mobile home/lot landlord to the renter, so the solution is not to make it a tax on the landlord, but to repeal it all together, as CB55-2018 proposes.

We hope that the County Council members and our community recognizes the value in preserving the affordability of mobile home housing for the most vulnerable in our community and that they see the value of measures that will help reduce the risk of homeless for these residents. We appreciate the County Council's vigil in striking the appropriate balance between the County's resources and the public benefit of preventing homelessness and hope that the County Council passes CB55-2018.

Thank you for your service and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly McLaughlin  
Executive Director  
Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc.

Howard County Council  
George Howard Building  
CB1-2018 & 2-2018  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

July 24, 2018

To the Honorable Council Chair Sigaty:

Please accept this letter as written testimony in support of CB55-2014, Repeal of Mobile Home Site Tax.

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, which serves as the single point of access for the Coordinated System for Homeless Services, as well as the Emergency Shelter for Howard County is often where people end up when they are unable to continue to afford safe, stable housing. In this tight rental market, affordable housing for those with limited income is vital to our community.

We ask Howard County Council, to support Councilperson Terrasa's bill to repeal the regressive and harmful tax on individuals renting mobile homes. This tax is a heavy burden on individuals and families who are already struggling to make ends meet. Additionally, this is NOT a property tax. It is renter tax, one that no renter is asked to pay for apartments, townhomes or any other dwelling.  
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We thank you and all the Council Members for your time and service. If you have any follow up questions, I am available anytime.

Sincerely,

Ayesha B. Holmes  
Executive Director

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Gail Holm <gailholm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:33 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB-55

Dear Council members:  
Please vote "Yes" on CB-55. This is an unfair tax on some of the most vulnerable of our citizens.

Thank you.  
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Gail P. Holm

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Kelly McLaughlin <kelly@bridges2hs.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Gelwicks, Colette; Terrasa, Jen  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of CB55-2018

I respectfully submit this testimony, on behalf of Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc., in favor of CB55-2018. Thank you.

Kelly McLaughlin  
Executive Director  
**Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc.**  
9520 Berger Road  
Columbia, MD 21046  
410-312-5760, ext. 100

**Consider a gift to Bridges to Housing Stability to help households achieve self-sufficiency through stable housing and to reduce homelessness in Howard County!**



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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** O'Malley, Beth <omalley@hood.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 15, 2018 9:37 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Vote for CB55

Dear Council members,

I ask you to support the abolition of the Mobile Home Rental Tax (CB55).

Residents of mobile home parks in [Howard County](#) pay between \$50-\$60 a month/\$600-\$700 a year in rental tax. This tax unfairly targets poor people and is a serious hardship for most who live in mobile homes. This tax is ONLY on people who live in mobile homes on rented lots and does not apply to apartments or condos. This type of tax is illegal in other parts of Maryland.

The majority of mobile home residents are often income challenged and struggle regularly to afford the basics, frequently not having money for extra expenses like: car repairs, home repairs, childcare, schools supplies, after-school activities, clothing, doctors & medicine, dental work/dentures, eyeglasses, hearing aids etc. Eliminating this regressive tax will be a vote to support our more vulnerable neighbors and make Howard County's tax system more fair, and in line with other MD counties.

Thank you,

Rev. Beth A. O'Malley  
8418 West Grove Rd.  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Sent from my iPhone

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** James Murdoch <jlmurdo@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 10:09 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** RE: CB55

Dear County Council Members,

Please approve CB55 at today's session, the bill to terminate the tax on mobile home park residents, as Anne Arundel and other counties have recently done. It is a burdensome tax on some of Howard County's poorest and most vulnerable residents and cannot be justified. Thank you in advance for your compassion and sense of decency.

Sincerely,

James Lawrence & Koral N. Murdoch  
9000 Fathers Legacy, Ellicott City Md 21042  
jlmurdo@verizon.net

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** DIANA Mosley <dwmonbrr@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Please approve CB55

Dear County Council Members,

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Sincerely,

Diana Mosley  
9752 Basket Ring Road, Columbia, MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Susan Nicholson <suebbq@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 27, 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Sue Nicholson  
**Subject:** CB55

Please don't delay. It's past time to give relief to some of our most vulnerable Howard County residents. . Please pass bill CB55 and eliminate this unfair and onerous tax on trailer park residents!!

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Sue Nicholson  
[suebbq@gmail.com](mailto:suebbq@gmail.com)



I am Bitia Dayhoff, president of Community Action Council of Howard County. CAC is the county's designated antipoverty organization and as such we provide services to low income families who struggle to make ends meet. Our services include housing, food, and energy assistance as well as early childhood education such as Head Start and PreK.

I am here in support of Council Bill 55 which proposes to repeal the Mobile Site Rental Tax. Mobile homes are the most affordable housing in the county and are mostly occupied by individuals who work hard yet struggle to make ends meet in our highly affluent and very expensive community.

While mobile homes might be the most affordable in the county, many of their residents are still spending more than 30% of their income on their housing cost. on an annual basis, CAC serves approximately 965 individuals who live in mobile homes in Howard County. In order to be eligible for our services, a family's income must be at about 175% of the federal poverty level which for a family of four is about \$25k per year and its about \$12,000 for an individual.

Many of the residents of mobile homes are elderly and on fixed income and in light of increasing living expenses in Howard County can use the additional \$540 a year they are currently paying on the rental tax toward paying their rent, utilities, food and gasoline.

The elimination of this tax is significant in the lives of many and relieves the pressure on their budget to help with other household needs.

Thank you.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** tinatakovich@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:45 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Tax elimination for the poor

I am in favor for the elimination of taxes for the poor,  
Tina Takovich

tinatakovich@verizon.net

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Carolyn Stallings <castallings@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 20, 2018 11:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB55

We live in a mobile home park in Howard County and we would appreciate it very much if you could do away with the tax that is charged every month. We just recently had to file bankruptcy because of our bills and having to move my mom into assisted living and having to pay for that also has taken its toll over the past couple years. Thank you very much

*Carolyn & Ronnie Stallings*  
*castallings@verizon.net*

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** louannp@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 20, 2018 10:17 AM  
**To:** Sigaty, Mary Kay  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB 55 Elimination of Mobile Home Site Rental Tax

Dear Council Chairperson Sigaty,

RE: CB 55-2018 - Elimination of Mobile Home Site Rental Tax

I noticed in the Howard County Times that you indicated you wanted to hear testimony at the public hearing before making a decision on the tax repeal.

Unfortunately, I did not take the initiative to present the case of my neighbor due to my unease in speaking before an audience and I apologize for the lateness of this email. I saw my neighbor at the grocery store where she works Sunday prior to the Monday (July 16) hearing. I asked her if she had called or emailed her support for CB 55. She said she hadn't because she had not been feeling well. When I asked what was wrong she mentioned the type of ailment she had and that her legs were on fire at that very moment. She indicated that when she got home from work many times her legs hurt so badly she could hardly stand up to slice a tomato for a dinner sandwich and she had to move around the kitchen holding onto things. Asked if she took medication, she said she can only get it renewed so often because of her deductible. This is a senior who was unexpectedly let go from an office position she held for over 20 years and she still has to work to pay her bills. These are the situations that some resident's face.

The increase in our lot rent this year more than doubled every previous increase we've had. When the rent goes up so does the Site Tax. There are no rent controls, so we are at the mercy of what the park owners want to charge.

When people compare our "lower" lot rents to apartment rents, it is important to understand that people living in mobile homes, unlike people living in apartments, are responsible for paying for all upkeep, including new roofs, windows and doors; deck and/or porch staining, painting or replacing; replacing heating/ac units; replacing all major appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, water heaters, etc.); power washing homes; the upkeep of our yards (mowing, trimming, mulching, etc.) and generally the type of repairs any home owner pays for.

I live near Guilford Park and have noticed a number of improvements there over the past several years: re-paving the pathway, which in my estimation since I walk there all the time did not need it; new fencing around the basketball court; cutting down several large trees to improve the condition of the ball field; replacing some wood on the dock; repairing some curbing. And, just last week, painting the seldom used tennis court, which was black, with brilliant green and blue paint. While this can understandably be considered for the "common good," it can also be waved against helping others who struggle to meet their bills.

I do hope we can count on your support for passing CB 55-2018. Thank you for your time.

Lou Ann Prosack  
Jessup, Md.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Olivia Kus <okus@mica.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Bill CB55-2018

Hello,

I am contacting you to support the bill CB55-2018 relating to the elimination of rental taxes on mobile homes in Howard County. I believe eliminating this tax will allow the residents of mobile homes to live happier, healthier lives, especially considering a lot of them are seniors living on fixed incomes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Olivia

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**Olivia Kus**

**Registered Behavior Technician**  
**MICA Alumna**  
[okus@mica.edu](mailto:okus@mica.edu)  
**443 846 8377**

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** courtney petersen <oldcourt2012@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 4:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB55

I strongly urge the Council to approve this bill to eliminate the rental tax placed on residents of mobile home parks. I know this tax is prohibited in some jurisdictions.

I think this is an expensive county and an additional burden should not be placed on the poorer population in the community. It seems patently unfair as tenants and condo owners are not burdened by such a tax.

I'll be at the meeting tonight to support those who drafted this needed bill.

Courtney Petersen  
7391 Hickory Log Circle  
Columbia, Md

Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Debi Knapp <debiknapp@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 3:57 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail

I wholeheartedly support the Howard County bill (CB55) to abolish the Mobile Home Rental Tax.

Debi  
4930 Ilchester Point Ct, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-788-2128

### Debi Knapp

Have you questioned your answers today? (Unknown)

"In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." (From the Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy)

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." (Edward Everett Hale)

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Ron Meservey <rtmeserv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 2:51 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Support CB 55 and CB54

To Howard County Council and County Executive Kittleman

I support CB55 to abolish the Mobile Home Rental Tax. This is an unfair tax on people who for the most part do not have a lot of resources.

We need to make housing more affordable, not tax people who can barely afford a place to live and who would have trouble finding other affordable housing.

I live in a house in Oakland Mills in District 3. I am a very fortunate retired Federal employee and my house is paid for.

I am happy to pay taxes. The burden should not be on those who are at risk of housing insecurity.

I hope to attend the hearing tonight, and I will be following this issue.

I also have concerns about another issue being considered tonight - CB 54, regarding construction of a new Ho. Co. Courthouse. If new construction is needed, contracts should be fair and not a bonus for developers. We taxpayers should not have to foot the bill to let developers off the hook.

Thanks.

Ron Meservey  
9447 Brett Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045-4407



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 2:30 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruiam, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Please see below for those who have called in support of CB55

Jose Trejo  
301-273-5869

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** RoseMarie Meservey <rmmeserv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 2:27 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Howard County CB55 and

County Council Members and Executive Kittleman,

Please support CB55 to abolish the Mobile Home Rental Tax. This is an unfair tax on people who for the most part do not have a lot of resources.

In a county that has minimal affordable housing, we need to make housing more affordable not tax people who need a place to live and who would have trouble finding other affordable housing.

We live in a modest single family home in Oakland Mills. I am happy to pay taxes. The burden should not be on those who are at risk of housing insecurity.

I expect to attend the hearing tonight, and will be following this issue.

I also have concerns about another issue being considered tonight - CB 54 regarding construction of a new Ho. Co. Courthouse. If new construction is needed contracts should be fair and not a bonus for developers. Tax-payers in the county are already being squeezed. I'd hate to see another TIF agreement.

Thanks.

RoseMarie Meservey  
9447 Brett Lane  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 1:39 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruum, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** RE: CB55 Support

Please see below for those who have called in support of CB55

David Byrn  
240-517-9685  
Called in support of CB55

Phronnie Jones  
443-644-1777  
Called in support of CB55

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 11:42 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** FW: Estoy de acuerdo en que eliminen el pago de impuestos. - I agree that to eliminate the payment of taxes.

Translated with Goggle Babelfish

The tax of mobile homes is too much. And I am 100% agree that removed it.

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*

**From:** Reyna Elizabeth <reynaelizabeth@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 11:34 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Estoy de acuerdo en que eliminen el pago de impuestos.

El impuesto de casas móviles es mucho. Y estoy el 100% de acuerdo que lo quiten.

[Enviado desde Yahoo Mail para Android](#)

Sayers, Margery

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** JP Nunemaker <pyrojoe@pyrojoe.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** CB55YES@mail.com  
**Subject:** Please approve CB55

Hello,  
I am a resident of Deep Run Park and this email is to request that you please approve CB55 - the repeal of the Mobile Home Rental Tax.  
This tax does not provide for any benefits to the residents of the park who already have to deal with yearly rent hikes, yearly maintenance costs, and increases in insurance. We already pay state and county taxes for state and county services. We also already pay for property taxes. There does not seem to be any other equivalent tax for any other rentals of any type - not car, not apartment, and not home. This tax seems to unfairly target only mobile home owners. Many mobile home residents are retired with fixed incomes or are living check-to-check. This money could definitely help with the other high costs that mobile home owners are already faced with.  
Mobile home owners are already targets of higher rates for insurance as there are limited companies who will even insure them, and they know it. I had one company try to increase my premium by over \$200, and I quote "because they asked for an increase, and that's what they got". Basically because they could.  
We have yearly inspections on our homes by the park office and I easily have hundreds of dollars worth of repairs to do on my home each year. Mobile homes are not the best built homes and many of the original materials used are not meant to last. This means increased upkeep and maintenance costs compared to a regular home. To add to that, there are items such as entry doors and skirting that can only be obtained through mobile home parts retailers. These are not items that you can just go down to the local big box store and pick up a replacement for. Due to their specialty nature, you get to pay the specialty price.  
This tax seems to be another example of targeting mobile home owners "just because" it can be done.  
Thank you for your time.

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JP Nunemaker  
(AnythingYouWant)@pyrojoe.com

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB55-2018

Wilma Codle  
410-379-0784  
Is in support of the passage CB55-2018.

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Csklara <csklara@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB-55

I would like to voice my support in favor of getting rid of the mobile home rental tax and for a vote for CB-55. Thank you.

Cindy Klara  
Howard County resident and mobile home owner



**From:** Rene Maygers <rmaygers@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 10:10 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB55-2018

To Whom It Concerns,

This message is in support of the above referenced bill, specifically the repeal of the Mobile Home Site Rental Tax in Howard County in an effort to reduce the financial burden on mobile home renters/owners who may be on a fixed income or otherwise struggling as a result of this tax.

Thank you!

Rene Maygers  
rmaygers@verizon.net

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ruth W <ruth.folkfan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 8:03 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Support (CB55) to abolish the Mobile Home Rental Tax.

To Howard County Council and County Executive Kittle man

I support CB55 to abolish the Mobile Home Rental Tax. This is an unfair tax on people who for the most part do not have a lot of resources.

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Thanks.

Ruth Keeting-White  
8945 Footed Ridge, Columbia MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Ken Schaffer <kschaffer24@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 16, 2018 7:13 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Mobile home tax

Dear Councilpersons -

I urge you to abolish this tax that unfairly targets those who live in mobile homes.

To single out one group of renters seems punitive, and that should feel wrong to you, as it does to me.

It's time to get rid of this tax.

Ken Schaffer  
Ellicott City

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 15, 2018 3:49 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** In support of CB55-2018

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support CB55-2018 to repeal the Mobile Home Site Rental Tax. It will be a great benefit to remove this tax from residents, many of whom are the working poor or seniors on fixed incomes. I believe this repeal will rectify an unfair premium tax on mobile homes, which those in other housing types do not have to pay.

Ultimately mobile homes ARE a viable form of low and/or moderate income housing. We have a severe shortage of such housing available in Howard County. The seemingly systematic elimination of mobile home parks in order to build large luxury apartments has always seemed terribly unjust and short sighted to me.

Anne Arundel County repealed a similar tax in June of 2017. Surely we can do the same to remove an unjust burden from vulnerable residents who would probably have difficulty getting to the Council hearing on 7/16/18. (I hope you will notice that many mobile home residents phoned in their testimony because they cannot afford a computer or internet access.)

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Garber

Laurel, MD 20723

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** awwit@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 15, 2018 1:09 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Bill CB55

I am adding my name and support for the abolishment of the Mobile Home tax in Howard County. it unfairly targets the poor and is a hardship for most who live in the the mobile homes.

Sincerely,  
Ann Witten  
10703 Shady Summer Dr.  
Columbia, MD

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Mary Pat Donelan <marypatd@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 15, 2018 9:12 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Mobile Home Rental Tax

Howard County Council has introduced a bill (CB55) to abolish the Mobile Home Rental Tax. Please approve this bill.

Mary Pat Donelan  
8816 Besthold Garth  
Columbia, MD 21045

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Chris Davis <chriswd23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 15, 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** RENTAL TAX to be ABOLISHED !!

My name is Christopher Davis. I live in Deep Run Park with my wife and our son. If the tax were to be abolished, it would very much help me and my family. Obviously we live in a mobile home park, so we don't make a lot of money. So everywhere that we can save money, will help. Please abolish the tax.

Christopher Davis

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2018 2:54 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruum, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Good Afternoon,  
Nancy Sky called regarding CB55-2018 (repealing mobile home tax) she supports the legislation. Nancy called from 240-432-7050.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Administrative Aide  
County Council  
410-313-3302





## **Council Bill 55-2018**

July 16, 2018

### Testimony

Good evening. As President of the Association of Community Services, it is my privilege to testify in support of Council Bill 55-2018 co-sponsored by Council Members Ball and Terrasa.

As you all well know, many ACS members work with the most at risk residents in our community. Certainly, most mobile home park residents could be counted among those residents.

Our testimony can add very little to the compelling, real life testimony of the Deep Run Park mother who struggles to remain in Howard County. Eliminating the monthly rental tax could be the difference between her family maintaining a home here in the county, enabling her son to attend Howard County schools and her having to uproot her family and find affordable housing elsewhere. Hers is but one of 1100 other stories from the families paying this burdensome tax.

What possible rationale is there to impose this tax on mobile home park residents—among the most economically vulnerable in our community—when it is not imposed on any other County renters? Let us follow the example set by Anne Arundel County and make at least one sector of Howard County housing MORE affordable for these households.

ACS strongly urges Council passage of CB 55 and the immediate repeal of the Mobile Home Site Rental tax. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Grace Morris, President  
Association of Community Services



**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL  
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION  
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION**

I, Grace Morris, have been duly authorized by  
*(name of individual)*

Association of Community Services (ACS) to deliver testimony to the  
*(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)*

County Council regarding CB55 to express the organization's  
*(bill or resolution number)*

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.  
*(Please circle one.)*

Printed Name: Grace Morris

Signature: *Grace Morris*

Date: 7/16/18

Organization: Association of Community Services

Organization Address: 9770 Petuxent woods Drive  
Columbia, MD 21046

Number of Members: 200+

Name of Chair/President: Grace Morris

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**Statement in support of Howard County Council Bill 55-2018 by Rick Robinson**

**On behalf of the Manufactured Housing Institute and the Maryland Manufactured Housing Association**

**July 16, 2018**

Good evening

My name is Rick Robinson. I am General Counsel and Senior Vice President for State and Local Affairs at the Manufactured Housing Institute, a national trade association located in Arlington, Virginia. For your reference, MHI is the only national trade organization representing all segments of the factory-built housing industry. MHI members include home builders, retailers, community operators, lenders, suppliers and affiliated state organizations.

The Maryland Manufactured Housing Association is one of those affiliated state organizations. As part of my duties at MHI, I am the registered lobbyist for our Maryland affiliate organization.

While MHI represents all aspects of the manufactured housing industry, it is not our members I am representing here tonight. Instead, I am here to voice our support of this legislation on behalf of the many residents of Howard County that rely upon manufactured housing as their affordable housing solution.

As background, you should know that 22 million Americans live in factory-built homes. Every year, ten percent of new home starts in America are manufactured homes.

For people interested in buying a home, manufactured homes are the most affordable homeownership option available. According to US Census data, manufactured homes can cost half as much per square foot to build than site-built houses. The cost to buy a manufactured home averages about \$70,600, compared with \$286,000 for a single-family site-built home, not including land costs.

And, relative to this legislation, here is the most important fact for you to know. Those who live in manufactured housing have a median household income of just under \$30,000 per year.

Removing this surtax on the only form of unsubsidized affordable housing in Howard County will have a nominal impact on the county's annual revenue but will alternatively have a huge impact on the lives of those living in factory-built homes.

I've attached a fact-sheet about manufactured homes and the Federal code to which they are constructed that I think will answer many questions you have about these homes and how they provide affordable housing in Howard County.

I urge you to support the working-class families of Howard County living in manufactured homes and vote for 55-2018.



## Manufactured Housing is Affordable Housing in Howard County

In Howard County workers are struggling to make ends meet, and the cost of housing is part of the problem. Did you know that manufactured housing is a major part of the solution?

Since June 1976, manufactured homes have been built to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's *Manufactured Home Construction Safety Standards*. The "HUD Code" is a robust, federally preemptive enforcement code regulating the design, construction and installation of manufactured homes assuring their quality, durability, affordability and safety.

### Quality, State of the Art Construction

- Built to strict standards for health and safety
- Energy Standards for cooling, heating and air quality
- Product innovations such as green building, ductless heat pumps, smoke detectors, etc.
- Homes are permanently sited in accordance with federal, state and local regulations



### Stringent Fire and Safety Standards

- Egress windows in ALL bedrooms
- Smoke detectors
- Two exit doors
- Strict flame spread requirements

### Prices and Designs to Meet ALL Housing Needs

- Critical source of affordable housing
- Great option for first-time homebuyers, workers and retirees



The HUD Code is stricter on fire safety and wind construction standards than the building code adopted in most American communities. A study by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) indicated today's manufactured homes have fewer fires and lower fire injury and fatality rates than site-built homes. Additionally, a 2014 study by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) found that manufactured homes performed better at high winds than traditional site-built homes. The HUD Code can be found at 24 CFR Part 3280.



HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL  
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TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION


I, Richard "Rick" Robinson, have been duly authorized by  
(name of individual)

Manufactured Housing Institute/Maryland Manufactured Housing Assn to deliver testimony to the  
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding Bill 55-2018 to express the organization's  
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.  
(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: Richard Robinson

Signature: 

Date: July 16, 2018

Organization: Manufactured Housing Institute/Maryland Manufactured Housing Assn.

Organization Address: MHI, 1655 Ft Myer Dr., #200, Arlington VA  
MD, P.O. Box 78, Pinto, MD 21556

Number of Members: 850 NATIONALLY

Name of Chair/President: MD: Lee Sullivan; MHI Dick Jennison

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 11:34 AM  
**To:** denis.weingartz@pgcps.org  
**Subject:** CB-55

**First Name:** Denise  
**Last Name:** Weingartz  
**Email:** [denis.weingartz@pgcps.org](mailto:denis.weingartz@pgcps.org)  
**Street Address:** 8009 Saint Jean Way  
**City:** Elkridge  
**Subject:** CB-55  
**Message:** Please support CB-55 to get rid of mobile home rental tax.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 3:02 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruiim, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Good Afternoon,

Betty Stapleton called regarding CB55-2018 (repealing mobile home tax) she supports the legislation. She called from 301-725-5092.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Administrative Aide  
County Council  
410-313-3302

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:16 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** mobile home tax cb55-2018

Peter Pott 443-854-6970

Is in favor of it. Would like the council to vote in favor of cancelling the tax.

Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Linda Wilson <LWilson@lincolntech.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:40 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** ABOLISH MOBILE HOME TAX

I AM IN FAVOR OF GETTING RID OF THE Mobil Home RENTAL TAX !! WE ALL NEED AFFORDABLE LOTS FOR OUR MOBLE HOMES !!

PLEASE VOTE FOR ( CB-55 ) .

RESIDENT AT DEEPRUN MOBILE HOME PARK , HOWARD COUNTY . Ms. Linda Wilson WE NEED A BREAK !!!!!

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**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 7:36 AM  
**To:** baugustcbi@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** MobileHome Tax

**First Name:** Betty

**Last Name:** August

**Email:** [baugustcbi@yahoo.com](mailto:baugustcbi@yahoo.com)

**Street Address:** 6531 Baja Way

**City:** Elkridge

**Subject:** MobileHome Tax

**Message:** I am against the Mobile Home Tax. It should be abolished. As a senior citizen this tax is a burden for me to pay every month. We should not have to pay it. I am in favor of getting rid of the mobile home rental tax and for the council to vote for CB-55 Thank you Betty August

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** susie suk <susiesuk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 11:28 PM  
**To:** Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail  
**Subject:** MOBILE HOME RENTAL TAX TO BE ABOLISHED

I am in favor of getting rid of the mobile home rental tax & for them to vote for CB-55

Susie

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** >>> Charles Kim <charles2kim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 10:20 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fwd: No Mobile Home Site Rental Tax!!

Dear Councilman,

I am writing this email to strongly urge you to support CB55-2018 to repeal the Mobile Home Site Rental Tax. I am also writing this on behalf of my parents who are senior citizens living in a mobile home site in Jessup, MD.

Please support this bill!

Thank you!

Charles Kim, Richard Kim, Jenny Kim

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Charles Kim  
Founder | Director  
CK Education  
410-279-5150  
SAT Prep | College Prep  
[www.ckeducation.org](http://www.ckeducation.org)

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** graceroscoe@aamig.org  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** CB55YES@mail.com  
**Subject:** CB55

**Importance:** High

It will be a great benefit to remove this tax from residents. The funds of \$600 will help purchase fuel and pay other expenses throughout the year. Not to mention, it seems discriminatory to tax mobile home residences and not condo owners, etc.

Sincerely,

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** no-reply@howardcountymd.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 8:36 PM  
**To:** ratchetmaniac@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** CB55-2018

**First Name:** Thomas

**Last Name:** Marshall

**Email:** [ratchetmaniac@yahoo.com](mailto:ratchetmaniac@yahoo.com)

**Street Address:** 6636 Washington Blvd Trlr 103

**City:** Elkridge

**Subject:** CB55-2018

**Message:** I support this bill. If I rented a townhouse or an apartment, I wouldn't pay any extra taxes over the county and state taxes. But since I rent a lot in a trailer park, I have to pay an additional mobile home tax. This is an unfair practice. Similar to double taxation.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:42 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruim, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Good Afternoon,

Vicky Ranshaw called regarding CB55-2018 (repealing mobile home tax) she supports the legislation. She called from 443-851-9853.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Administrative Aide  
County Council  
410-313-3302

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Jo Schultz <joszoo@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Repeal of mobile home site rental tax

We urge you to support Bill CB55-2018 which eliminates the mobile home site rental tax.

We believe this repeal will rectify an unfair premium tax on mobile homes, which those in other housing do not have to pay.

Thank you for your support of this bill.

Jo Schultz  
Mike Brian  
8325 Peachwood Drive  
Jessup, MD 20794  
(Brentwood Manor)  
301-442-9807

Sent from my iPhone



**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB55-2018

Elmer Jones  
410-579-8325  
Supports the legislation

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Margaret Gesell <margaret.gesell@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 10:30 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB-55

I strongly support abolishing the rental tax on mobile homes in Howard County. Most people in trailers are the working poor. Why make their lives even harder. It can't be raising much money.

Margaret Gesell  
5400 Vantage Point Road Apt. 508  
Columbia, MD 21044

410-992-1030

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruum, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Good Morning,  
Joan Greenhow called regarding CB55-2018 (repealing mobile home tax) she supports the legislation. She called from 301-725-2254.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Administrative Aide  
County Council  
410-313-3302

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Betty Schueler <boopbetty\_1954@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 8:51 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; CB55YES@mail.com  
**Subject:** VOTE FOR CB-55

To my Council members of Howard County, Ball and Terrasa,

I am in favor of getting rid of the mobile home rental tax (which steadily goes up every year) and for all of you to vote FOR CB-55.

My sister and I have recently become residents of Howard County since April of 2015, after having to be relocated from Anne Arundel County, when our Mobile Home Park ( in which we resided for 23 years) was sold in order for them to tear it down and build \$350,000.00 Town Homes.

We are grateful that we are living in a community, that will not be going anywhere, anytime soon, but at the same time, the cost that we are now paying for this, has put a tighter strong hold on the purse strings.

At the same time that we were informed about our previous park being shut down, I had been laid off from my job of 40 years from our BWI Thurgood Marshall airport after my Company (SSP America) had pulled out in March of 2012 (due to the AirMall Concept).

Through persistence of constant applying and reapplying I managed to get my self rehired and back into the workforce and my airport in October of 2013. Of course timing is everything and in January of 2014 was informed about my Mobile Home Park (Crestwood) on Telegraph Rd. and being informed that we were were given one year notice to relocate..

And even though the state covered the cost of the transport in the amount of \$5,000.00, it still cost me double that and then some to contribute to the transport,as well as other costs in order to make this move, which depleted what savings I had available.

As a Bartender/Server at BWI Marshall, I get a little over \$4.00 an hour (before taxes) plus tips (which is never a guarantee) and as unpredictable as business can be, in this line of business in particular we go through a Feast or Famine scenario on a monthly basis.

So if we can save on a cost that would be beneficial for me and my sister, then we can invest this cost that will allow us to better ourselves and give back to our community of Howard County, which my sister and I have fallen in love with.

Thank you for looking out for your Constituents,

Elizabeth and Kathleen Schueler

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** vera dehaven <aek12730@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:29 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** CB55-2018

I am a resident of Capitol Mobile Home Park located in Elkridge, Md. and would like to let you know as a senior on limited income that I am very much in support of CB55-2018 which, if passed, will repeal this Mobile Home Site Rental Tax and may benefit all the residents also. Thank you for your time.

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Elisa Castillo <elisacastillo73@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:07 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Mobile home site rental tax elimination

Hi, I am currently a resident of Howard county and am emailing you to support the bill no. CB55-2018 to eliminate the mobile home site rental tax.

Thank you.

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** SUSAN garland <624slg@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** CB55YES@mail.com  
**Subject:** Please support CB55  
**Attachments:** 3bc5b003-2fc1-47d1-b9c6-eb0abbe28dc9-000001.pdf

Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

As your constituents, we encourage you to support CB55 and end the Mobile Home Rental Tax.

How will this legislation help us personally you ask? Our home is heated by propane gas. Every winter my husband and I argue about the temperature of our home. We end up being cold and unhappy due to the cost of propane. I have attached one of our Suburban Propane invoices from the 2017-2018 winter season. The \$600.00 we would save with the tax relief would help tremendously with this expense and provide comfort and stress relief to our household.

Thank you for your service in Howard County,

Susan & Michael Garland

6685 Deep Run Pkwy

Elkridge, MD 21075

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PO BOX F  
WHIPPANY, NJ 07981-0405

**STATEMENT**

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SUSAN AND MICHAEL GARLAND  
6685 DEEP RUN PKWY  
ELKRIDGE, MD 21075-6559

Summary	
Account Number:	1112-283680
Statement Date:	12/29/2017
Previous Statement Balance:	\$0.00
- Payments and Credits:	\$0.00
+ New Activity:	\$946.00
+ Late Charge:	\$14.19
= Statement Balance:	\$960.19
Due Date:	Upon Receipt

Please disregard if already paid

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**ACCOUNT ACTIVITY**

PREVIOUS STATEMENT BALANCE					\$0.00
Date	Reference No.	Qty	Description		Amount
Delivery:	SUSAN AND MICHA GARLAND/6685 DEEP RUN PKWY//ELKRIDGE MD 210				
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11-28-17	171642		TRANSPORTATION FUEL SURCHARGE	\$1.87	
11-28-17	171642		SAFETY P&T FEE	\$9.92	\$831.18
11-29-17	54499	23.9	PROPANE PRICE PER GALLON 4.2900	\$102.53	
11-29-17	54499		TRANSPORTATION FUEL SURCHARGE	\$2.37	
11-29-17	54499		SAFETY P&T FEE	\$9.92	\$114.82
12-29-17			LATE CHARGE		\$14.19
UNPAID BALANCE: \$831.18 MONTHLY RATE: 1.50% ANNUAL RATE: 18.00%					
<b>STATEMENT BALANCE</b>					<b>\$960.19</b>

Please see reverse side for additional information  
Return bottom portion with payment



PO BOX F  
WHIPPANY, NJ 07981-0405

**STATEMENT**

Account Number: 1112-283680  
Due Date: Upon Receipt  
Amount Due: \$960.19

Amount Paid \$

Please write your account number on your check

Check box for address change (see reverse for details)



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SUSAN AND MICHAEL GARLAND  
6685 DEEP RUN PKWY  
ELKRIDGE, MD 21075-6559

SUBURBAN PROPANE-1112  
PO BOX F  
WHIPPANY, NJ 07981-0405

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If you believe that this bill misstates the number of gallons delivered to you on the date indicated, does not conform to any pricing formula expressly set forth in your contract with Suburban, contains charges that are not applicable to your account or which you have already paid, or otherwise contains errors in computation, then you must **WRITE** to us at the address shown on the front no later than 14 days after the date of this bill, stating:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your account number
- 3) A description of the suspected error; and
- 4) The dollar amount of the suspected error.

Telephoning us will **not** preserve your rights. Upon our receipt of your letter, we will promptly investigate. If we confirm that an error has been made, we will credit any amount overpaid to your account.

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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Jennifer Knowles <jknowles@horizonlm.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 6:47 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Mobile Home Site Rental Tax

To whom it may concern

I am a resident and manager of Capitol Mobile Park, located in Elkridge, MD. I am for the repeal of the Mobile Home Tax, Bill No. CB55-2018. Many of the residents here are on a fixed income, including myself and will have a hard time making rent with this tax being so high. I have spoken with many tenants here and they have expressed concern, at the rent increase that includes \$50.00 in tax alone. Many residents here are elderly and living on Social Security, and rent to live here consumes mostly all of their income. It is very expensive to live here in Howard County, and living in our Mobile Home Community is likely the cheapest place for rent in the county. Though the cost of living here continues to rise, with many of us receiving help through the department of social services for food, health insurance and paying for hospital bills and prescriptions. It is very hard to make ends meet, so eliminating any amount of this tax will help everybody at Capitol Mobile Home. Thank you so much for your help and caring about our community. I hope everything works out for the best.

Jennifer Knowles  
Property Manager  
Capital MHC, LLC  
240-587-1323

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 4:26 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Prui, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Good Afternoon,  
Phillip Frazier called regarding CB55-2018 (repealing mobile home tax) he supports the legislation. He called from 973-583-7707.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Administrative Aide  
County Council  
410-313-3302

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 1:35 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruiim, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Good Afternoon,  
Charles Kadish called regarding CB55-2018 (repealing mobile home tax) he supports the legislation. He called from 443-445-3806.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Administrative Aide  
County Council  
410-313-3302

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** pugsnort101 <pugsnort101@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Howard County Mobile Home Tax

Members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Kittleman,  
Please consider abolishing the Mobile Home Rental Tax. It is a strain on the less affluent of Howard County....like myself.

With sincere regards,  
Leanne Youth

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Juscilla Joseph <juscilla54@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 8:47 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** Mobile Home Site Rental Tax

I write to support repealing of the above tax/CB55-2018. I live alone since my husband is disabled and currently residing at ManorCare nursing home in Silver Spring.

I find it difficult to continue to maintain the mobile home expenses incurred which seem to be increasing every year. I am 64 years old, on fixed income and struggling to make ends meet.

Please HELP keep housing affordable for us seniors. Thank You for your consideration

Sincerely  
Juscilla Joseph

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** louannp@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 6:52 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Support of CB55-2018

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to request your support in passing CB 55-2018, which will eliminate the County's Mobile Home Site Rental Tax. This year, my lot rent more than doubled the increases from previous years. The Site Rental Tax goes up proportionately to these increases.

A number of people, including me, have lived in the Brentwood Manor development for over 20 years. We are living on fixed incomes, which do not increase to keep pace with the cost of living. Having the Site Tax eliminated will help us meet expenses. It would also help provide more affordable housing in the County, a necessity in any community.

Anne Arundel County had a similar tax which was repealed June 2017.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Lou Ann Prosack  
8336 Darkwood Court  
Jessup, Md. 20794  
301-725-1181

## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Sayers, Margery  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB55-2018

Barbara Clifton/Richard Clifton  
410-379-8124  
In support of this legislation

*Margery Sayers  
Executive Assistant  
Howard County Council  
410-313-0832*



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Bill Harris <billharris3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:34 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan; CB55YES@mail.com  
**Subject:** I support CB-55

HoCo Council,

I learned about CB55 from PATH. I am writing to say that I support the proposed end of mobile home recurring sales tax

For low income mobile home residents this tax is a regressive, heavy burden. People living in apartments and condos do \*not\* pay this tax, only the people who live in mobile homes on rented lots.

This tax is against the law in other parts of Maryland.

Please support and sign into law CB-55

Bill Harris  
6066 Granite Knoll | Columbia, MD 21045  
202.468.9923 mobile  
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## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Egan, Jennifer A.  
**Sent:** Friday, July 13, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Smith, Gary; Keller, Jessie; Pruiam, Kimberly; Bailey, Najee; Affolter, Melissa; Gelwicks, Colette; Clay, Mary; Singleton, Julia; Knight, Karen  
**Cc:** Sayers, Margery  
**Subject:** CB55 Support

Good Morning,  
Nancy Resinger and Robert Johnson called regarding CB55-2018 (repealing mobile home tax) they support the legislation. Nancy called from 301-310-5292.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Egan  
Administrative Aide  
County Council  
410-313-3302

Sayers, Margery

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**From:** None Ya <forevermissingmom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 07, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** I Support CB55

Dear Council,

When I heard about the CB55 bill, it brought tears to my eyes thinking about how much of a positive impact it would be for our family.

We moved to Howard County so our son could get the best education. We are struggling to more and more every year. Every year our tax goes up as well as the lot rent. We are now faced with the possibility of having to move out of Howard County because we are struggling so bad. We don't qualify for any assistance because we make to much according to the the guidelines. We recently had a vehicle break down and no funds to fix it.

Not having to pay the lot rent tax may not seem like much to many but to us, it's everything. It would help us so much and we would forever be grateful. And most importantly, it would help us keep our son in Howard County Public Schools.

I Support CB55!!!

Sincerely,  
Theresa Slemmer  
Deep Run Park Resident

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Cat Lady <lovinglilman08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 07, 2018 3:28 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** CB55 Bill

Council,

I am sending this email in regards to the CB55 Bill.

I support the CB55 Bill because my family is struggling.

Not having to pay the rental tax would mean so much to us. Every year everything goes up except our income. We are barely putting food on our table. We watch TV by using rabbit ears because we can't afford to pay for TV. We have the "pay as you go" cell phones because we can't afford the contracted ones. We cook on an electric burner because we can't afford gas to use our stove. We cant always see our doctor when we are sick because we can't afford our copay. Rental tax may not seem like much, but that money could go towards food every month or copays when we need to see the doctor.

Thank you for your time,  
Deep Run Park Resident

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**From:** Bindiya Maharjan <bindiya.maharjan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 07, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Mobile home tax

Dear sir/madam,

I believe mobile homes are affordable option for families with two kids and only one income source. With all the monthly expenses it has been hard to balance out expense and income. I would really appreciate the tax cut for mobile home. I would be able to use that money for my my family medical expenses and school expenses.

Thanks  
Bindiya Maharjan

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ronald Cox <rfc6528@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 07, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Fwd: CB55

Ronald Cox  
[rfc6528@aol.com](mailto:rfc6528@aol.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald Cox <rfc6528@aol.com>  
To: councilman <councilman@howardcountymd.gov>  
Sent: Sat, Jul 7, 2018 3:33 pm  
Subject: Fwd: CB55

Ronald Cox  
[rfc6528@aol.com](mailto:rfc6528@aol.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald Cox <[rfc6528@aol.com](mailto:rfc6528@aol.com)>  
To: councilman <[councilman@howardcountymaryland.gov](mailto:councilman@howardcountymaryland.gov)>  
Sent: Sat, Jul 7, 2018 2:06 pm  
Subject: CB55

Hello, I just heard about this bill and all I can say is it's about time. I have lived in Deep Run Mobile Home Park for 25 years. I have always believed that this tax was unfair. If you add up just what I have had to pay over those 25 years it comes to almost \$15,000.00. Now that is insane. I could buy a new car with that money. Eliminating that tax would also help to be able to pay the lot rent which has gone up every year since I have been here. In fact I just had a \$40.00 a month increase in my rent which goes into effect August 1st. That is the biggest increase I have ever had. Usually it would be around \$20.00 a month. Passing this bill would go a long way in helping me pay my lot rent which continues to go up, year after year.

Thank you,

Ronald Cox  
[rfc6528@aol.com](mailto:rfc6528@aol.com)

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**From:** June Wedeking <wedeking00@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 07, 2018 8:57 PM  
**To:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** CB55YES@mail.com  
**Subject:** Bill CB55 - Mobile Home Rental Tax

PLEASE vote to end this unfair rental tax on mobile home owners living here in Howard County . My daughter is a disabled Navy vet & I am 84 years old. This extra \$40 would help toward a water bill that doesn't know what down means, a BG&E bill that goes nuts in the summer and a treat once in a while !!!!! All us Deep Rn Park residents will be eternally grateful.....

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Barbara A. Davis <badavis347@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 10:53 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Repeal of Mobile Home Rental Tax

Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of the repeal of the Mobile Home Rental Tax. I am a 71 year old divorced woman and my only income is my monthly Social Security check. I am looking for a part-time job to make ends meet. I have Medicare but cannot afford a Supplemental Plan. Forget about dental visits or a hearing aid. I need tires and brakes on my car. If I do buy clothes it is at a thrift store. Our ground rent has gone up \$42 a month! There is desperate need for this bill to pass. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Davis

6605 Deep Run Pkwy

Lot #381



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**From:** Notlimah3@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 11:22 AM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** repeal the mobile home site rental tax support CB55-2018

I wish to express my support to the repealing the mobile home site rental tax (bill CB55-2018). It is unfair for mobile home land renters; especially seniors on a fixed income who can use any help in making ends meet. We would appreciate the repeal of this tax as soon as possible.

Hamilton Shoop

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**From:** Sandra Stant <sstant42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Subject:** Bill CB55-2018

County Executive Kittleman:

As a Howard County resident for over 45 years, I would appreciate your backing of CB55-2018.

I am presently a homeowner in Deep Run Park, and have had my annual rent increase double this past month. This, plus the Mobil home site monthly rental tax, has made a considerable difference in my fixed income lifestyle. For someone in my circumstances, you'd be surprised how much that yearly sum of \$585.00 can make!

Thank you for your consideration of this repeal bill and for all you do for our County.

Cc: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov

Sent from my iPad

**Sayers, Margery**

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**From:** Dana <kevmom05@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 08, 2018 4:23 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail  
**Cc:** Kittleman, Allan  
**Subject:** We support CB55-2018 Please help

Please help mobile home park renters reduce their monthly cost by eliminating the Howard County Rental Tax. People who rent homes and apartments do not pay this taxes, why do we? County tax is added to my income taxes each year as well. It's not fair.

Thank you so much,  
Dana Tompkins  
Brentwood Manor