

Subject: Opposition to Placing Maryland Land Records Behind a Paywall

Dear [Legislator's Name],

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the decision to place the Maryland Land Records behind a paywall. As a Maryland resident, I deeply value the transparency and accessibility of public records, which are essential to preserving our state's history and ensuring accountability in property and land ownership matters.

The Maryland State Archives has long been a trusted resource for researchers, historians, genealogists, and residents. These land records, which document our state's rich history and the stories of its people, should remain accessible to all without financial barriers. Introducing a paywall effectively restricts access to those who can afford it, undermining the principles of equitable access to public information.

Furthermore, limiting access to these records could have unintended consequences for legal professionals, researchers, and individuals who rely on them for their work. This decision would not only hinder historical research but also disproportionately impact communities that may already face challenges in accessing resources.

I urge you to take action to ensure that Maryland's Land Records remain freely available to the public. Protecting the accessibility of these archives upholds our shared values of transparency, inclusivity, and the preservation of our state's heritage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would like your support in opposing this paywall initiative.

Sincerely,
[Your Full Name]
[Your Contact Information]