
Lunch and Learn: Filing Your Initial Matching Fund Report and you Filed Your 2026 Annual Report

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Welcome to Lunch and Learn

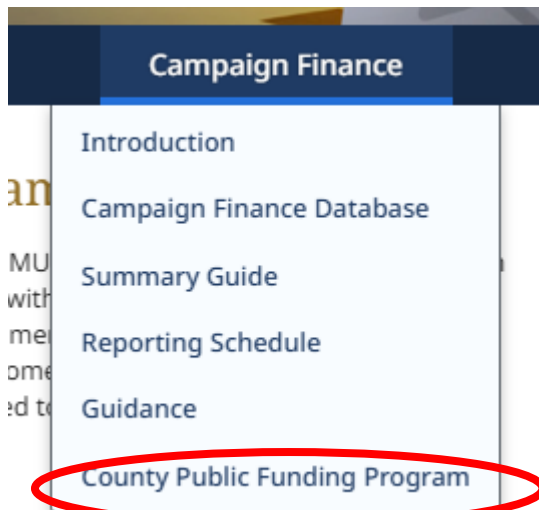
- A service provided by the MD State Board of Elections (SBE) and the Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) to assist candidates, their advocates and the citizens of Maryland on how to operate as a public finance (PF) candidate.
 - Understand the rules of PF and how they differ from a traditional / regular candidate committee.
 - Understand the mechanics of reporting your transactions into MD Campaign Reporting Information System (CRIS).

Continue to Bookmark This Landing Page

- In your browser
- Refer back to it often.



Consider Bookmarking The Public Finance Landing Page



Up-to-date information on Public Financing
https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign_finance/County_public.html

The new CRIS

An official Government website. Here's how you know. [Go to Business Contribution Disclosure System.](#)

Maryland State Board of Elections

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Top Fundraising

Committee Type: Candidate Commit... Office Sought Election Cycle: 2023-2026

Top Spenders

In-State vs. Out-of-State Contributions

Spending by Purpose

Registration Statistics by Type

Top Fundraising

\$16,731,779.61 was raised by our top 10 committees.

The Top Ten Earners list identifies the committees that have received the highest total contributions.

Committee Name	Amount
Moore, Wes For Maryland	\$6,444,363.53
Scott, Brandon M. People for	\$1,736,145.37
Ferguson, Bill Citizens for	\$1,420,117.36
Braveboy, Aisha Friends Of	\$1,280,147.96
Lierman, Brooke for Maryland	\$1,244,962.34
Hawkins, Calvin For County Executive	\$1,055,243.79
Dixon, Shella Friends For	\$1,072,858.51
(Berzoff-Cohen) Cohen, Zeke	\$854,880.92

Committees

Contributions

Expenditures

Filed Reports

Independent Expenditures/Electioneering Communications

Can compare with other Public Finance filers as well as traditional candidate committees.


<https://campaignfinance.maryland.gov/login>

Latest Public Finance (PF) News

- 55 candidates have filed for PF
- 15 candidates have already qualified
 - Howard (6), Montgomery (7), Anne Arundel (1) & Baltimore Co (1)
- 4 candidates have withdrawn from Public Financing.
- Eight committees are being reviewed right now.
- Several more are close to filing their initial matching fund report.

Matching Fund Report (MFR) Schedule

- Can file on either MFR date or a statutory date.
- Different deadlines



Maryland State Board of Elections
Matching Funds Reporting Schedule

Notes	Report	Due Date	Transaction Beginning Date	Transaction Ending Date
	Matching Fund (Optional)	01/06/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	01/05/2026
State Law	2026 Annual Report (Required)	01/21/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	1/14/2026
	Matching Fund (Optional)	02/03/2026	1/15/2026	02/02/2026
	Matching Fund (Optional)	02/17/2026	One Day After Your Last Campaign Finance Report Submission	02/16/2026
State Deadline	Last Day to File a Statement of Organization	02/24/2026		
	Matching Fund	03/03/2026	One Day After Your	03/02/2026

What We Will Cover Today


- Five Things to Learn
 - You Filed your 2026 Annual Report (Disclosure) But Now You Want to Submit Your Initial Matching Fund Report (MFR)
 - Who Files from Your Committee
 - Will I Get All of My Funds?
 - Checking on the Status of Your Submission
 - How To Use The Webinars

1. You Want to Submit Your Initial Matching Fund Report (MFR)


- You filed your 2026 Annual Report now you want to file your initial MFR.

Hello, Kevin!

Reminders
To see additional information, click on the reminder.

 **Do you want to file a Matching Fund report** [Go to Filing Screen](#)


This is an optional report and might not be processed until the first or third Tuesday of the month, whichever comes next.

 **Secondary Signature Required** [View Filing](#) [Attest and Update](#)

2026 Annual

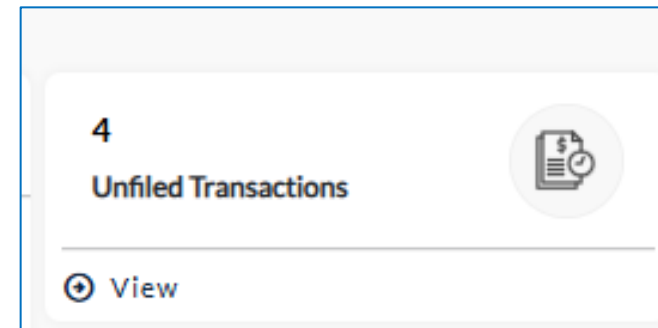
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- Your balance will carry forward from your 2026 Annual Report.

Financial Summary 			
Ending Cash Balance: \$12,811.30			
Filed Transactions <i>(*Includes any transactions filed)</i>		This Period	Cycle to Date
MONETARY TRANSACTIONS			
A. Prior Report Balance		\$3,582.36	
B. Total Contributions	+	\$12,931.00	\$12,931.00
C. Total Loans Received	+	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Total Expenditures	-	\$3,702.06	\$4,261.74
E. Ending Cash Balance	=	\$12,811.30	
F. Outstanding Obligations		\$0.00	\$0.00
IN-KIND TRANSACTIONS			
G. Total In-Kind Contributions		\$0.00	\$0.00
H. Total In-Kind Expenditures		\$0.00	\$0.00
TRANSACTION TOTALS			
I. Total Contributions (B + G)		\$12,931.00	\$12,931.00
J. Total Expenditures (D + H)		\$3,702.06	\$4,261.74

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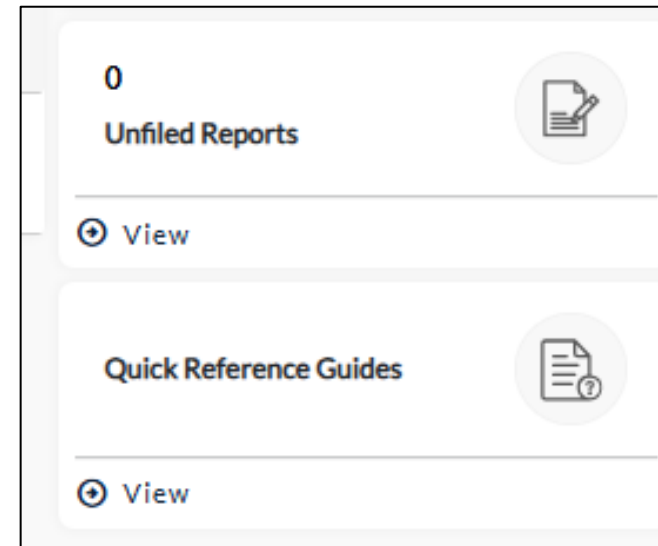
- Middle Section will show you how many new transactions you have.



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Unfiled Transactions

View

This card displays the number of unfiled transactions. It features a large number '4' at the top left, the text 'Unfiled Transactions' below it, and a circular icon on the right containing a document with a dollar sign and a checkmark. At the bottom left, there is a 'View' button with a magnifying glass icon.



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Unfiled Reports

View

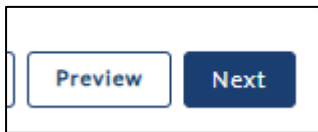
Quick Reference Guides

View


This section contains two cards. The top card shows '0 Unfiled Reports' with a document icon and a 'View' button. The bottom card shows 'Quick Reference Guides' with a document icon and a 'View' button.

1. You Want to Submit Your Initial Matching Fund Report (MFR)

- Preview Your Filing



Filer ID: 16017245



Maryland State Board of Elections
Campaign Finance Report

SECTION 1: Committee Information			
Committee Name	JB Test PF Committee 12-18		
Committee Type	Public Financing Committee		

SECTION 2: Financial Institution Information			
Electoral Bank Account *	bny		\$0.00
Filer Reported Bank Balance *			\$0.00
System Generated Ending Cash Balance			\$454.00

*As of the report filing ending date provided by the filer at the time of filing.

SECTION 3: Report Information			
<input type="checkbox"/> Original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	Amendment Date:	Amendment Version: 2
Report Name	2026 Annual		
Reporting Period	Start Date:	01/15/2025	End Date: 01/14/2026
	Due Date:	01/21/2026	Original Filed 12/23/2025

1. You Want to Submit Your Initial Matching Fund Report (MFR)

- If you get “Internal Server Error” then reach out to the SBE
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A screenshot of a dark blue rectangular box containing the text "Internal Server Error." in white. To the right of the text, the letters "Pu" are partially visible, likely from a button or link.

Internal Server Error.

2. Who Files for Your Committee?

- Treasurer and Chairperson
- Data Entry can't file

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1 Request Matching Funds

2 Review & Submit

STEP 1/2 Request Matching Funds

Have you filed your Certificate of Candidacy? * ⓘ

Yes, I have filed my Certificate of Candidacy.

No, I have not filed my Certificate of Candidacy.

Date of Request : Date of Last Request :

Check your Matching Funds

3. Will I Get All of My Funds?

- Yes.
- These steps will help you see what the SBE is doing.
- If you see an error let us know.

3. Will I Get All of My Funds?

- When your submission is finished the SBE reviewer will forward you a completed spreadsheet showing what they did.
- Which transactions were matched or not matched.

D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Item	Transaction Date	Transaction Amount	Previous Aggregate for Contributor	Aggregate for Matching	Current Calculated Match	Match Status	Unmatched Reason
dit Card	9/8/2025	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	Matched	
dit Card	11/5/2025	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	Matched	
dit Card	9/26/2025	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	Matched	
dit Card	11/6/2025	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	Matched	
dit Card	11/6/2025	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	Matched	
dit Card	11/8/2025	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	Matched	
dit Card	8/26/2025	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	Matched	
dit Card	8/11/2025	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	Matched	
n	8/28/2025	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$450.00	Matched	
dit Card	8/16/2025	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	Matched	
tronic Fun	10/25/2025	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$450.00	Matched	
tronic Fun	10/18/2025	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	Matched	
ck	10/12/2025	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$125.00	Matched	
dit Card	10/27/2025	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	Matched	

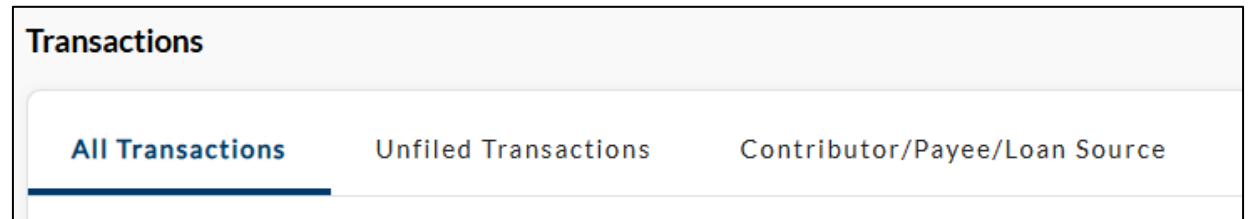
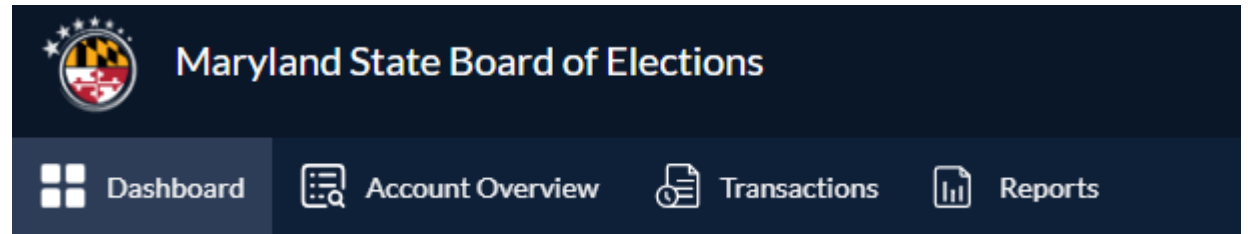
3. Will I Get All of My Funds?

- The last three columns will show you:
 - how much of a public match you will receive;
 - If it was matched or not;
 - The reason for not matching.
- Last row will show you the totals

025	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	Matched		
025	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	Matched		
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	\$5,650.00	\$50.00	\$5,650.00	\$20,400.00		0	
		64	Unique IDs				

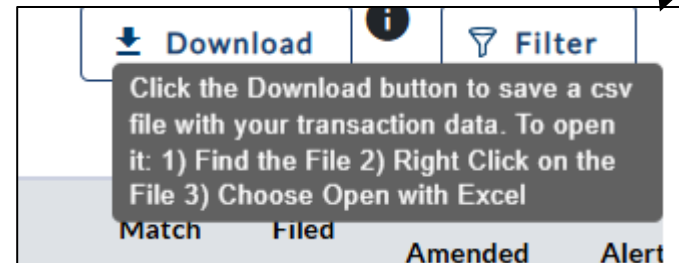
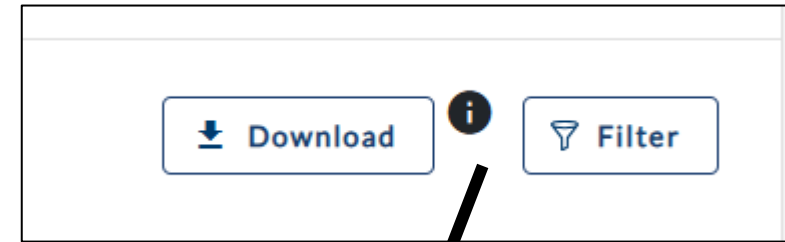
4. Checking on the Status of Your Submission

- As of Jan 28th, we have real time review of your submission.
- Sign in MD CRIS
 - Transactions
 - All Transactions
 - Use the Filter button (next slide)



4. Checking on the Status of Your Submission

- Filter Button (far right):
 - Matched
 - Pending
 - Not Matched / Do Not Match



You can also download the file if that is easier for you to review.

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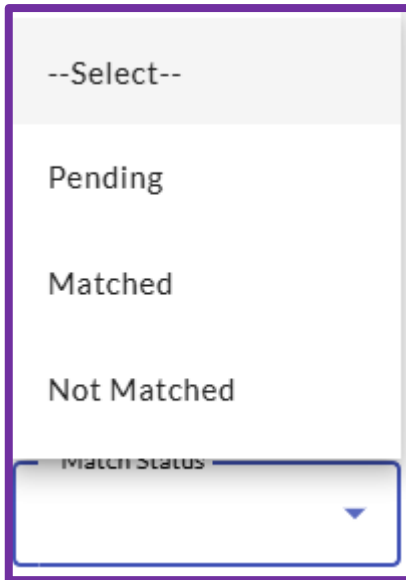
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The screenshot shows a 'Filter' dialog box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains several filter criteria, each in a separate box with a dropdown arrow on the right. The criteria are: 'Timed Report Filed' (set to 'On'), 'Date' (with a calendar icon), 'Reporting Peri...' (truncated), 'Transaction St...' (truncated), 'Alert', 'External Transactio...' (truncated), 'Eligible for Pu...' (truncated), 'Match Status' (circled in red), and 'Receipt Attac...' (truncated). At the bottom of the dialog, the text 'Contributor/Payee/Loan Source Details' is visible.

This is a close-up of the 'Match Status' dropdown menu. It shows a list of options: '--Select--', 'Pending', 'Matched', and 'Not Matched'. The dropdown arrow is visible at the bottom right of the menu.

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--Select--

Pending

Matched

Not Matched

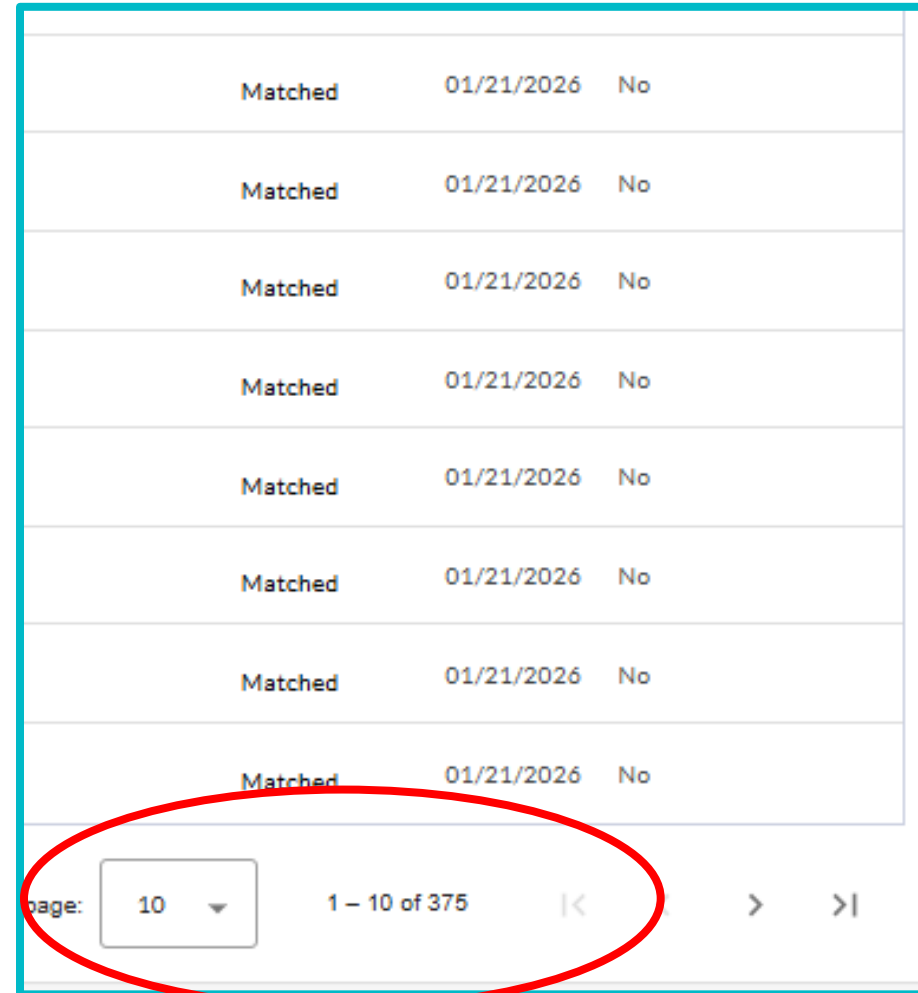
Match Status ▾



Clear Apply

4. Checking on the Status of Your Submission

- Filter Button (far right):
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Matched	01/21/2026	No
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5. How To Use the Webinars

- Last Lunch & Learn:
 - Go Back To SBE County Funding Landing Page



The screenshot shows the Maryland State Board of Elections website. The header includes the logo and the text "Maryland State Board of Elections" and "Verified. Open. Trusted. Empowering." Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Voting", "Candidacy", "Press Room", "Elections", "Campaign Finance", and "About". The "Campaign Finance" link is circled in red. The main content area is titled "County Public Funding Program" and includes a note about filing a Statement of Organization and a list of links: "View county public financing committees" and "Establish a county public financing committee".

https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign_finance/County_public.html



5. Thirteen Webinars

- Look at the Slide Deck
- If it makes sense go to the next webinar

IV. Public Election Fund Education Webinars

The State Board of Elections (SBE) has a twice monthly training program to assist all members of your public finance campaign team to apply the best practices and avoid mistakes.

What is Public Financing Webinar from July 14, 2025

- [Webinar](#) 
- Passcode: #NbjBzt4
- [About Public Financing of Campaigns \(PDF\)](#) 

Getting Started with Public Financing in MD CRIS from August 4, 2025

- [Webinar](#) 
- Passcode: 7g^azA0k
- [Getting Started with Public Financing in MD CRIS \(PDF\)](#) 

How to Record Your Transactions from August 18, 2025

- [Webinar](#) 
- Passcode: %v9*iUNX
- [How to Record Your Transactions \(PDF\)](#) 

Finding What You Need from MD SBE & Is My Contribution Card Correct from September 15, 2025

- [Webinar](#) 
- Passcode: V8s\$bE&N
- [Finding What You Need from MD SBE & Is My Contribution Card Correct \(PDF\)](#) 

How To Do Bulk Uploads & How to Upload and Link Receipts from September 29, 2025

- [Webinar](#) 
- Passcode: 8f70...10

https://elections.maryland.gov/campaign_finance/County_public.html

Bonus: How to Learn in new CRIS

- Filer's Dashboard is your friend

The screenshot displays a grid of menu items for the CRIS system, organized into five categories:

- Filer Dashboard** (Icon: Grid)
 - [Complete Filer's Guide](#) (Circled in red)
 - [Getting to Know Your Filer's Dashboard](#)
- Account Functions** (Icon: Question mark)
 - [Adding a New Contributor](#)
 - [Account Overview Page](#)
- Disclosure Reports** (Icon: Document)
 - [Previewing a Disclosure Report](#)
 - [File a Regular Disclosure Report](#)
 - [File an Affidavit \(ALAC\) Report](#)
 - [Amend a Disclosure Report](#)
 - [View Reports](#)
- Transactions** (Icon: Document with coin)
 - [Interacting with Your Transactions](#)
 - [Adding a Contribution](#)
 - [Overview of the Import Process](#)
 - [Importing Transactions](#)
 - [Correct Import Errors](#)
 - [Transactions Page](#)
- Registrations** (Icon: People)
 - [Amending Your Registration](#)
 - [Forgot Your Password](#)
 - [Switch Between Multiple Accounts](#)

Questions

Future Lunch and Learns

- This will be the last Lunch and Learn while the SBE staff focuses more on review of submissions.

CCF Staff Directory

If you have technical questions call 410-269-2840 (M-F: 8:00AM to 5:00PM) or email: ccf.sbe@maryland.gov

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