



Media Advisory

Comptroller Brooke Lierman to Headline Conversation on Maryland's Fiscal Outlook During Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference

Comptroller to highlight the importance of affordability in building a more prosperous and inclusive economy in Maryland; Deputy Comptroller Andrew Schaufele to discuss state tax policy and local budgets

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 14, 2025) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman will speak about the challenges Maryland faces due to changes in spending and jobs by the federal government at the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Summer Conference in Ocean City.

During **Maryland's Fiscal Outlook: Balancing State Budget Challenges and Priorities**, on Saturday, August 16, 2025, Comptroller Lierman and MACo Executive Director Michael Sanderson will explore, through conversation, the importance of data-informed decision-making and strong partnerships to navigate revenue volatility and uncertainty, long-term obligations, affordability, and increased pressure on the state's budget.

The conversation will highlight the findings presented in a report released in June by the Maryland Office of the Comptroller and the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business. The report focused on federal government spending and jobs in Maryland prior to the second Trump Administration. The agency is working with University of Maryland researchers on a follow-up report exploring the direct impacts of federal government layoffs and spending cuts on the state.

In a session today, August 14, 2025, **Two Sides, Same Coin: Balancing State Policy and County Budgets**, Deputy Comptroller Andrew Schaufele will join a panel of fiscal experts to discuss Maryland's income tax structure and how counties can protect revenue while preserving services.

When: Saturday, August 16, 2025 | 10 a.m.

Who: Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman

Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, Maryland Association of Counties

When: Thursday, August 14, 2025 | 2 p.m.

Who: Deputy Comptroller Andrew Schaufele

Location for both sessions:

Roland E. Powell Convention Center

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