



News Release

Comptroller Lierman Announces Winners of Maryland Tax-Free Week Video Contest

The inaugural contest was sponsored and administered by the Maryland Retailers Alliance in partnership with the Comptroller of Maryland, with the winner receiving \$1,000

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 18, 2026) — Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today announced the winners of the Maryland Tax-Free Week Video Contest, recognizing Marylanders who used their creativity to help promote this year's sales tax holiday.

2026 Maryland Tax-Free Week Video Contest Winners

1st Place - Katelyn Menjivar - [Watch Video](#)

2nd Place - Cate Nora - [Watch Video](#)

3rd Place - Doc Harbaugh - [Watch Video](#)

"Congratulations and thank you to the winners for bringing their creativity and enthusiasm to Maryland Tax-Free Week," said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. "It was fantastic to see so many Marylanders from across the state help us spread the word about this important opportunity for Marylanders to save money while supporting local businesses. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this year's Tax-Free Week a success."

"Congratulations to this year's Tax-Free Week contest winners, and thank you to Marylanders across the state who supported local businesses by shopping during Tax-Free Week," said **Maryland Retailers Alliance President Cailey Locklair**. "Your

participation helps shine a spotlight on Maryland retailers and reminds us how important it is to shop local and support the businesses that strengthen our communities.”

The Office of the Comptroller received submissions from six counties across Central Maryland and the Eastern Shore, including Montgomery, Prince George’s, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Charles, and Wicomico counties.

Maryland Tax-Free Week ran from August 9 through August 15. During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying clothing and footwear priced at \$100 or less were exempt from Maryland’s 6% sales tax, while the first \$40 of a qualifying backpack purchase was also exempt.

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