

1 of persons owning property, or with respect to any particular
2 uses of property, I think the provisions of tax exemption
3 or I would hope credits and abatements would be uniform
4 State-wide.

5 I think that the State of Maryland should not
6 enact legislation in behalf of or for or to any political
7 subdivision which removes from them the right to make
8 decisions which are essentially local in character with
9 respect to tax policy.

10 Let me give you an example. Even seeming aspects
11 of uniformity are not uniform in their results. You have a
12 law that says that blind people are entitled to \$6,000 of
13 exemption on their homes. This is uniform. Every blind
14 person throughout the State who owns a home is entitled
15 to this. In the present situation, it is uniform, but it
16 is foolish, because people with greater disability than
17 blindness, a completely paralyzed man, for example, is not
18 given the benefit of this kind of tax treatment.

19 We have an arbitrary but uniform State-wide
20 law and I would suggest if it is possible in your wisdom to
21 devise the language, the result of which would be to aim