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MARYLAND
Chamber of Commerce

LEGISLATIVE POSITION:

Favorable

Senate Bill 448

Sales and Use Tax-Vendor Collection Credit-Job Training

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 4,500 members and federated partners, and we work to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees and families. Part of our work includes developing a workforce and talent pipeline that ensures Maryland's continued economic expansion.

Senate Bill 448 would authorize a qualified job training organization to claim a sales tax vendor collection credit in an amount equal to 100% of the gross amount of the sales and use taxes that are collected by the vendor. If passed, the credit will allow qualified job training organizations to keep the taxes that are currently remitted to the state through the sale of donated goods. With these funds, these types of organizations will be able to increase their impact by providing expanded access to critical resources including quality education and job readiness training. Doing so will enhance the workforce and talent pipeline, resulting in stronger communities and positive economic outcomes for the State.

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce recognizes that an educated, well-prepared workforce is critical to driving our economy forward. Through the Maryland Chamber Foundation, the Chamber supports any effort to advance business education on workforce best practices, talent pipeline support and workforce development needs. The Chamber also supports partnerships between businesses and other organizations to support underserved communities in career-focused education.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report** on **SB 448**.

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SB0448-HB0594 letter of support - hgi

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**Letter of Support for SB0448/HB0594:
Sales and Use Tax- Vendor Collection Credit- Job Training**

SB0448/HB05494 would allow for qualified job training organizations to keep the taxes that are currently remitted to the state through the sale of donated goods, permitting them to further invest in their communities through workforce development programs.

Every day Goodwill continues to work hard connecting residents to career paths and family sustaining wages. In addition to our retail stores, Goodwill provides job training, job placement and other human services for people who are un- or under-employed due to one or more challenges to employment, including:

- Lack of relevant education/training
- Workplace and life management skills
- Lack of housing/childcare/transportation and other practical barriers
- Physical/cognitive disabilities
- Mental health diseases and addiction recovery
- Legal expungement/criminal background/ex-offender re-entry

Last year, we placed over 330 individuals into jobs working an average of 32 hours/week at above minimum wage.

SB0448/HB0594 would impact thousands of individuals throughout the State of Maryland by increasing the capacity of qualified job training organizations to provide access to quality education, apprenticeships and obtaining employer needed skills and jobs. In addition, this credit would benefit organizations that help veterans, individuals with low or no income, those with physical and mental disabilities, and barriers to employment, gain entry into the workforce through job training and placement programs.

Our goal is to continue expanding our capacity and collaborative reach to provide resources and access to employment for residents in the Western Maryland region. If passed, we can increase our impact in the community by providing access to critical resources, apprenticeships and job readiness trainings to create a workforce pipeline to employment, resulting in stronger communities and the overall economy for the state of Maryland.

We strongly support **SB0448/HB0594!**

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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SB0448-HB0594 LOS- Greater Washington

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January 31, 2020

Dear Delegate Kaiser,

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We look forward to having your support.

Sincerely,



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