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Re: H.B. 61

Dear Delegate Kaiser and Delegate Washington:

Earlier today, I sent a letter explaining my opposition to H.B. 61. At the time that I drafted and sent that letter, I had not seen the Fiscal and Policy Note to H.B. 61. That Fiscal and Policy Note has not been submitted to the Committee. A copy of the Fiscal and Policy Note for H.B. 61 is attached.

In my earlier submission, I had submitted a copy of the Fiscal and Policy Note for a similar bill, H.B. 149, which had been before the General Assembly in the 2019 session. The Fiscal and Policy Note for H.B. 149 estimated that revenue loss over five years for the state would be \$91.5 Million. The Fiscal and Policy Note for H.B. 61 predicts even more substantial revenue declines over a five year period of \$758.9 Million for the state and 513.6 Million for the localities.

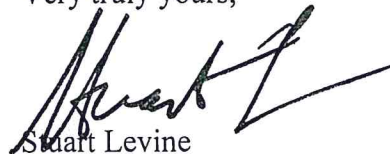
I am opposed to H.B. 61 because the tax benefits flow overwhelmingly to the well-off. Fundamental to my opposition was the revenue loss predicted for H.B. 149. My opposition to H.B. 61 is even stronger now based upon the massive revenue loss calculated in Fiscal and Policy Note that was issued this afternoon.

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I have sent a copy of this letter, with the Fiscal Note attached, to all members of the Committee as well as to Delegate Grammer, the sponsor of H.B. 61.

Very truly yours,



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