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**HB 594 Sales and Use Tax – Vendor Collection Credit – Job Training**

Honorable Chair Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington and Members of the Committee:

I am happy to introduce House Bill 594 Sales and Use Tax – Vendor Collection Credit – Job Training. This bill would allow qualified job training organizations to keep the sales and use tax currently remitted to the state through the sale of donated goods. Marylanders, in our most poverty-stricken communities lack the basic work skills, education, support, and access to services that would allow them to obtain high-quality, full-time jobs that lead to financial stability. Additional barriers such as literacy, inadequate transportation, incarceration, addiction and past traumas make finding family-sustaining work difficult.

Last year in the Baltimore metropolitan region alone, 1405 individuals earned credentials and obtained full-time jobs at \$12.88 per hour with Goodwill's assistance. Having overcome a plethora of obstacles, these individuals are generating \$37.6 million in wages and are now tax-paying citizens. This bill's modest investment by the State has a tremendous rate of return and will alleviate poverty for hundreds of Marylanders.

HB594 would impact thousands of individuals throughout the State of Maryland by providing access to quality education, apprenticeships and employer needed skills and jobs. Furthermore, the credit will create a workforce pipeline to Maryland employers, resulting in stronger communities and statewide economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 594.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Young".

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