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Support - 2023 Senate Bill 242, Income Tax – Work Opportunity Tax Credit – Technical Correction.

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Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chairman Rosapepe and members of the Committee, it is my pleasure to provide testimony in **support** of Senate Bill 242 – Income Tax – Work Opportunity Tax Credit – Technical Correction. I would like to thank Chairman Guzzone for sponsoring this bill.

This bill amends the Tax-General Article § 10-755 to change the Internal Revenue Code section referenced.

The Maryland Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) was enacted in 2022. The Maryland credit is 50% of the federal credit that is based on wages paid to employees in Maryland. The current statute references § 51 of the internal revenue code as the section the credit is allowed under. Although IRC § 51 provides calculations of the credit, the credit is allowed under § 38.

The Comptroller requests a favorable report on this bill, which is a technical correction to the code.