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To: Budget and Taxation

From: The Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals

Re: SB 528

Contact Person: Giavante' Hawkins

Position: IN FAVOR

Income Tax- Credit for Nonpublic School Student Bus Transportation Expenses

On behalf of the Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals (MSATP), representing over 2,000 tax professionals serving hundreds of thousands of Maryland taxpayers, I write in support of Senate Bill 528 creating a tax credit subsidizing student transportation costs to nonpublic schools.

Our members frequently aid parents in navigating tough choices, balancing their children's education options relative to the financial planning constraints confronting households. While public systems deliver quality instruction, diverse private academies catering to specialized needs or beliefs strengthen communities, offering alternative paths that uphold foundational liberties.

However, the freedom of selecting certain schools expecting cultural familiarity or rigor around particular worldviews becomes hollow if attendance remains un-affordable, especially for working families without public transit access. Senate Bill 528 recognizes that transportation represents real barriers for some, and provides relief through, a \$1500 credit defray busing costs.

As accountants guiding clients on maximizing education resources, we appreciate inventive policies supporting parental priorities. The MSATP urges your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 528; helping those who sacrificed to pursue educational pluralism, we all benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Giavante Hawkins

