

State Board of Individual Tax Preparers 1100 N. Eutaw Street 5th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Date: February 16, 2024

Committee: Energy, Education, Environment

Re: SB 675 - Individual Tax Preparers-Code of Ethics, Notification of Actions, Enforcement, and Penalties

(Stop Scam Tax Preparers Act)- Letter of Support

The Maryland Board of Individual Tax Preparers would like to express support for SB 675 Individual Tax Preparers - Code of Ethics, Notification of Actions, Enforcement, and Penalties (Stop Scam Tax Preparers Act). The Board, and multiple external stakeholders, has long desired a closer working relationship with the Comptroller in regards to cracking down on non-registered and fraudulent preparers. The bill proposes exactly what we have wanted to accomplish: working hand-in-hand with the Comptroller on enforcement and protecting the taxpayers of Maryland. We look forward to the passing of this bill and view this as a substantial step in the mission of the Board.

Sincerely,

John C. Dove, Jr. Commissioner

Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

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