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The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair
And Members of
The Ways and Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: HB 1515 – Sales Tax Extension to Additional Services – UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Committee Members,

The 1220 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women and their families urge you to reject the call to extend the sales tax to additional services that ordinary Marylanders rely on.

The last three years have seen extremely high-inflation inflicted on the citizens of Maryland and the United States. The burden of Inflation on the price of goods and services is compounded by adding the sales tax to an ever-larger group of goods and services needed for everyday life. People are forgoing services they need because the prices are too high. The average family's purchasing power has been eroded. Extending the sales tax to additional services will only make the average person's situation worse, and the lower-income family situation unbearable.

Instead of increasing the reach of the sales tax, restrain spending, enforce financial accountability on state agencies, and reduce the red tape of excessive regulations.

Please vote an UNFAVORABLE Report for HB 1515.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
Legislative Chairman