



**Testimony in Support of House Bill 455  
Comptroller – Electronic Tax and Fee Return Filing Requirements**

**House Ways and Means Committee  
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**Maryland Rise supports HB 455**, which gradually moves the state to online tax filing, with important exceptions for populations who may face challenges using electronic filing systems.

**Moving towards online tax services has many benefits for taxpayers and the state overall.** With online services, the Comptroller’s office has noted filers will see improved response times, increased access to information, and a reduction in harm from lost or stolen mail. Moreover, the Comptroller’s office will save the state resources by making tax filing more convenient, accessible, error-free, and user-friendly. A modern tax collection system is a benefit to all Marylanders.

**HB 455 includes important exemptions to online filing for groups who may face challenges with an online system.** The legislation creates exemptions for older adults, low-income households, Marylanders with disabilities, and small businesses. This is critically important, as a new tax system shouldn’t marginalize populations who are unable to use online services.

**Maryland Rise appreciates your consideration and urges the committee to issue a favorable report on HB 455.**

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