



Senator Shelley L. Hettleman, Chair
Rules Committee

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Dear Rules Committee and Honorable Members of the Maryland Senate,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 1045, which proposes a 2.5% service tax on small businesses like mine. As a small business owner, I urge you not to support this bill, as it would place an undue financial burden on both small businesses and the customers who rely on our services.

Small businesses, much like the American middle class, already shoulder a disproportionate share of taxation. In my industry—cybersecurity—it is already challenging to maintain affordable pricing for customers while ensuring financial stability. Adding an additional 2.5% tax on the services we provide would not only increase costs for our customers but also:

- **Hinder our ability to compete** with other businesses offering similar services, including those in states without such a tax.
- **Increase administrative burdens**, forcing us to allocate additional resources to ensure compliance, which many small businesses cannot afford.

Unlike large corporations, most small businesses lack the means to hire lobbyists to advocate on our behalf. Even taking the time to submit this written testimony has been a challenge amidst the demands of running my business.

Maryland is my home, and I am committed to growing and scaling my business here. However, if this tax is enacted, I will be forced to seriously reconsider whether Maryland remains a viable location for my company's headquarters. The financial impact of this bill is significant enough to warrant that reassessment.

I respectfully urge you to vote against Senate Bill 1045 and protect the small businesses that are vital to Maryland's economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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