



March 10, 2025

House Bill 1554

Chair Vanessa E. Atterbeary
House Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Senate Bill 1045

Chair Guy Guzzone
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Legislators:

In the event that House Bill 1554/Senate Bill 1045: Sales and Use-Tax-Taxable Business Services-Alterations applies to nonprofit organizations, I am writing out of great concern (and probable OPPOSITION) for the impact the Bills will have on nonprofit organizations should nonprofits be included in the Bills.

I am the CEO of Winter Growth, Inc. For 46 years we have provided assisted living, memory care, adult day care, and respite services to older adults to empower them to live their best lives. We are a not for profit organization with locations in Columbia, MD and Olney, MD. The proposed legislation would have a profound impact on the economic and programmatic well-being of our organization. That impact will have significant financial implications related to service delivery and what programs we could continue to offer to our clients.

On behalf of myself and my exceptional team at Winter Growth, I ask you to make nonprofits exempt to prevent us from being disproportionately affected by the taxes. I strongly believe that with input and careful consideration from nonprofit leaders, there can be tax policies developed that will balance the need for revenue with the importance of supporting nonprofit organizations that provide vital services to our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Cheri C. Sanzi
CEO, Winter Growth, Inc.