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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chairman
and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee
Senate of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **SB1045** - Sales and Use Tax - Taxable Business Services – Alterations - **UNFAVORABLE**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women opposes SB1045 because it will raise the price of many services used by the public.

A sales and use tax on business-to-business transactions will be passed along to the end-user.

We have been in a period of high inflation for several years and the average family is hurting. Electricity prices are surging and inflation-based taxes are increasing.

The extension of the Sales and Use Tax is being considered at the same time as the General Assembly is considering revisions that will increase the income tax for many and eliminate itemized deductions for all Marylanders, both resulting in an increased tax burden for a majority of payers.

We are burdened by multiple provisions in the tax code that automatically increase annually with inflation but are never lowered when inflation decreases.

We understand that the State is facing budget deficits. It is critical that you consider the total burden of these tax increases on the average family and on small business.

Please vote an **UNFAVORABLE** report for **SB1045**.

Sincerely,

Ella Ennis
Legislative Chairman