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

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

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Chair Guzzone,

On behalf of HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM), I am writing to OPPOSE House Bill 1554/Senate Bill 1045: Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Business Services – Alterations. I serve as the CEO of HCAM, a 501c3 nonprofit organization based in downtown Baltimore.

HCAM connects Maryland residents to health insurance coverage, healthcare services, and supportive resources. We have served as the Medicaid Eligibility unit for Baltimore City residents since 1997, and we are a Connector Entity of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. We serve more than 60,000 individuals statewide each year. Our programs primarily serve low-income Marylanders and those with complex health care needs, including justice-involved individuals, youth in foster care, pregnant and post-partum individuals, and individuals with behavioral health conditions.

HCAM's programs are funded through grants and contracts, with limited administrative funds for essential operating costs like IT, accounting and payroll services. The proposed tax on our core operating and infrastructure costs would significantly strain our already limited operating budget, negatively impacting our ability to provide high-quality and necessary health insurance enrollment and care coordination services to Marylanders. If passed, this bill would impact our nonprofit's continued financial sustainability. **We urge you to oppose HB1554/SB1045.**

Sincerely,

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