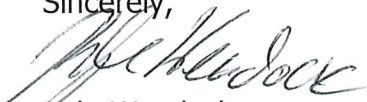


Dear Legislators:

I am writing to OPPOSE House Bill 1554/Senate Bill 1045: Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Business Services – Alterations. I am the President of Access Nursing Services of Maryland, Inc. We provide in-home nursing services to medically fragile children, adults with disabilities, and the elderly. Taxing our services to these individuals will absolutely jeopardize patient safety. We're already operating on razor thin margins between low reimbursement rates for services, insurance, payroll taxes, etc. and if you add in additional sales and use tax on top of all of this the only way to absorb it and stay financially solvent is to deduct from our employees pay rates who are the clinicians working in the field caring for these vulnerable populations. This means nurses working in this field will absolutely gravitate toward a different field of nursing leaving a huge void to fill. Most likely we will end up with less experienced nurses and more patient safety issues. I implore you please to think of these citizens and OPPOSE HB1554/SB 1045.

Thank you for your consideration and I'm confident you'll make the right choice!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Weadock', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kyle Weadock
President/CEO