

March 10, 2025

Maryland General Assembly

Re: HB 1554 / SB 1045

To whom it may concern:

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 1554 / SB 1045 and to urge you to vote NO on this legislation.

I urge you to oppose HB 1554 / SB 1045 or any other proposal to extend the sales tax to professional services. In economic times like these, Maryland's government should be focused on creating a climate to foster economic growth and job creation. Extending the sales tax to professional services would hinder economic growth, raise costs, cripple job creation and make Maryland less competitive.

Professional services can be rendered from anywhere. Our neighboring states and even international professional service providers don't tax these services. Passage of this bill will cause businesses to shift the acquisition of these services to neighboring jurisdictions like Virginia since they would not be subject to this sales tax. This puts our Maryland-based Certified Public Accounting firms at a substantial disadvantage.

In summary, I believe a sale tax on professional services stifles business growth, raises costs, creates chaos compliance, and makes Maryland less competitive.

As your constituent, I ask that you carefully consider these concerns and vote NO on HB 1554 / SB 1045. I appreciate your time and service to our community and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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