



March 10, 2025

Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
House Ways & Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401
Re: House Bill 1554

Dear Representative Atterbeary :

I am writing to OPPOSE House Bill 1554/Senate Bill 1045: Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Business Services – Alterations. I am the Administrator of Autumn Lake Healthcare at Arlington West, located in Baltimore City. We provide both skilled rehabilitation services and long-term care to the residents of Maryland.

This tax will have a detrimental effect on many areas of the care and services we provide. More than 75% of our resident clientele depend on Maryland Medical Assistance, which, as you know, is already fiscally restricted. The tax would have a disproportionate impact on Arlington West and many other facilities like ours which depend on Medicaid dollars.

Please allow us to continue to provide the care and services to one of Maryland's most vulnerable populations.

Sincerely,

Lisa I. Gibson
Nursing Home Administrator