

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Moratorium on Taxes and Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of committing to the residents of the State that there will be a 4–year
4 moratorium on increasing any existing taxes, establishing any new taxes, and
5 mandating any additional regulations.

6 WHEREAS, State residents and businesses have absorbed many regulations, taxes,
7 and fees in recent years, contributing to the sluggish growth of the State due to stifled
8 investment in the State economy and leading residents to consider departing for other
9 states with lower tax burdens; and

10 WHEREAS, A commitment to halt further tax increases and restrictive regulations
11 would provide weary State residents and businesses relief following previous successive
12 years of fiscal and regulatory encroachments and allow the General Assembly pause to
13 examine the existing fiscal and business climate and identify ways to ease the burdens
14 placed on State residents and businesses; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the members
16 of the Maryland General Assembly commit to the residents of the State that there will be
17 a 4–year moratorium on increasing any existing taxes, establishing any new taxes, and
18 mandating any additional regulations; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
20 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
21 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
22 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

