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To: Budget and Taxation Committee

From: The Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals, Inc.

Re: SB 223 Sponsor: Senator Feldman, et al

Contact Person: Alverta "Sandy" Steinwedel

Position: Support with Amendment

Commission on Tax Policy, Reform and Fairness

The Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals, Inc. (MSATP), an organization of over 2,200 members. Our inclusive organization is comprised of Certificate Public Accountants, Enrolled Agents, Registered Tax Preparers, Accountants, Attorneys, and Certified Financial Planners.

With over 2,200 members who represent thousands of Maryland individual taxpayers and hundreds of businesses, we would like to request a representative from our organization be included on the commission.

Our representative, who will have extensive knowledge of the State's tax structure and tax preparation, will be a useful resource to the commission.

Amendment:

Section 1. (b)

(11) a representative of the Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals, Inc.;

(12) one economist, appointed by the Governor;

(13) one member of the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, appointed by the Governor

(14) one member of the faculty of the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business, appointed by the Governor; and

(15) two members of the public, each of whom shall be an attorney at law or an accountant knowledgeable about the State's tax structure, appointed by the Governor.

