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**Written Testimony to the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee  
SB 511 - Corporate Tax Fairness Act of 2021  
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**SUPPORT**

Good afternoon Chair Guzzone and members of the Committee. On behalf of our more than 20,000 state, municipal, and public education workers, AFT-Maryland asks for a favorable report on SB 511.

As the statewide organization for the Baltimore Teachers Union (BTU), as well as unions representing thousands of state employees, AFT-Maryland has a long history of supporting bills that not only make sure our state maintains the fiscal health needed to offer vital educational and residential services to Marylanders, but make sure our tax code is fair and equitable.

Maryland can simply no longer afford to allow the wealthy and most privileged who do business in our state exploit outdated tax loopholes. Many large, profitable businesses operating in Maryland take advantage of loopholes that deprive schools, infrastructure, health care and other essential needs for the people of Maryland.

What is even worse, the state's own evaluations show these loopholes are not creating jobs. All they do is give even more money to larger firms and allow them to not pay their fair share of taxes.

Our state agencies have failed to meet basic staffing needs, and as the Kirwan Commission has pointed out, students in our state have not been receiving the resources they deserve to be successful in their education.

Maryland must stop putting the priorities of corporations above the needs of its own residents. It is for these reasons that we ask for a favorable report on SB 511.

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