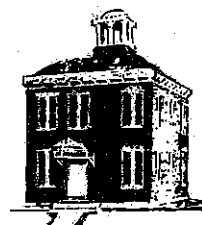


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February 22, 2021

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB0730 - Income Tax - Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment Expenses

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee give a **Favorable Report** to Senate Bill 0730 - Income Tax - Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment Expenses

COVID-19 will continue to affect the people and places of Maryland, potentially until 2024. In a state that offers beaches, mountains, cities, and rural settings, there are endless opportunities for Marylanders to explore and to take advantage of any number of activities. In an effort to encourage more travel, while also generating income for the multitude of struggling businesses across the state, SB0730 offers a reasonable credit against income tax for travel, and related expenses, as well as live entertainment and sporting events in 2021 and 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremy G. Irons
Legislative Committee Chair

Juli R. McCoy
Executive Director

cc: Honorable Jim Rosapepe, Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Members
Western Maryland Delegation