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Testimony in **SUPPORT of Senate Bill 511**
Corporate Tax Fairness Act of 2021

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
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Presented to: Guy Guzzone, Chairman
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SEIU Maryland & DC State Council urges a **Favorable Report to SB 511.**

With over two million members, SEIU is the largest union in North America. We are uniting workers in health care, public services, including public education, and property services to improve lives and the services we provide. In the Maryland, Washington, DC, and Virginia area, we represent over 50,000 workers.

Our members work hard and pay their taxes.

Many of our members or their families operate small businesses. They pay their taxes there.

Given the current state of the economy and the disparity of wealth between struggling small businesses and wildly profitable large corporations, the time has come to close the corporate tax loopholes and adopt "combined reporting". A majority of states have adopted combined reporting and none have reversed course. We could have adopted this many years ago, but the corporate lobbyists have stymied legislation year after year. Now is the time to finally act.

How can we ask working families to pay more in taxes or accept reduced services or schools that are not prepared to offer world-class and world-competing schools, while large corporations pay little or no taxes in Maryland?

How do we tell a struggling small business, that may be hanging on through the pandemic, that their large corporate competitors, are being given an advantage by their state government?

Every year when this bill is introduced, the corporate lobbyists testify about how the sky will fall if this is adopted. How no corporation will either keep jobs in Maryland, or increase investment in Maryland. If this is true, they wouldn't invest in any of the dozens of states that have adopted combined reporting. Have they?

Make the Tax System fairer by closing corporate tax loopholes and pass SB 511.

We ask a Favorable Report on SB 511. Thank you.