



## **SEIU MARYLAND & DC STATE COUNCIL**

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB172  
Corporate Income Tax – Combined Reporting  
House Ways and Means Committee  
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Submitted to Anne R. Kaiser, Chairman  
By Terry Cavanagh, Executive Director

SEIU Maryland & DC State Council requests a **Favorable Report on HB 172.**

With over two million members, SEIU is the largest union in North America. We are uniting workers in health care, public services, including in 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.

We are thousands of essential workers in nursing homes, hospitals, schools and public buildings. We are the broad working class. We pay our taxes, whether they be income taxes, sales taxes or property taxes.

We have supported “Combined Reporting” for many, many years. We continue to do this for a simple reason:

**Many profitable corporations in Maryland do not pay their fair share in taxes.**

We have all heard the arguments against Combined Reporting before.

- If this bill passes, businesses will leave the state.
- If this bill passes, businesses won’t bring jobs to Maryland.

- If this bill passes, it won't raise anywhere near what proponents claim.
- If this bill passes, it may mean an actual loss of revenue.
- It's complicated and it's too hard.

If any of this were true, it would also apply to other states. Surely at least one of those states, after seeing the results of what they had wrought, would appeal such a terrible law. Not one of the states which have adopted combined reporting, which now constitute a majority of the states, has repealed their law. Why?

We ask you to put an end to this tax avoidance scheme and pass Combined Reporting.

**We ask a Favorable Report on House Bill 172.** Thank you.