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HB 179 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Union Dues

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Dear Chair Kaiser and honorable members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

We hope this letter finds you well.

We write today to thank Delegate Eric Luedtke for sponsoring HB179, and to ask this committee for a favorable report.

This is common sense legislation for workers, many of whom have been economically crushed by the COVID-19 shutdowns, and the looming recession.

Specifically, this bill is a tax cut to help cover the cost of union dues, which are job related expenses, that are necessary for workplace representation. In addition, these dues help offset the costs of training the next generation of highly-skilled workers through some of the finest apprenticeship training programs to be found anywhere.

This bill also signals that Maryland stands with its workers through this difficult pandemic, at a time when the federal government is slashing benefits for workers and their ability to defray some of the workplace costs, as was just done through the 2018 tax reforms.

In conclusion, this is a good bill and a huge step in the right direction for Maryland workers, and we respectfully ask for a favorable committee report.

Very truly yours,

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