

Testimony SUPPORT of House Bill 229
Corporate Income Tax – Throwback Rule

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The Maryland State Education Association supports House Bill 229, which closes a corporate tax loophole benefitting multi-state corporations.

MSEA represents 75,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools, teaching and preparing our 896,837 students for careers and jobs of the future. MSEA also represents 39 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3 million-member National Education Association (NEA).

MSEA supports passage of an adequate, sustainable, predictable revenue stream that will adequately fund both the operating and construction costs of our public schools. A great public school for every child means our students have updated technology, small manageable classes, safe and modern schools, proper healthcare and nutrition, and have highly qualified and highly effective educators. The Blueprint for Maryland's Future outlines improvements to access to Pre-K and Career Technology Education, as well as expansion of the educator workforce and increased salaries to help deliver individualized instruction and recruit and retain the best workforce in the country.

House Bill 229 would close this corporate tax loophole and help ensure that large corporations are paying their fair share into the services that make Maryland a great place to live, learn, and do business. This bill not only passed this committee last year but also passed the House floor with a veto-proof majority. Implementing the Kirwan Commission's recommendations and making up for the learning loss, and social-emotional and behavioral health effects of the pandemic will take considerable resources. HB 229 is part of that funding solution.

MSEA urges a Favorable Report on House Bill 229.