



Testimony on HB0229
Corporate Income Tax – Throwback Rule
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Ricarra Jones, and I am the Political Director with 1199SEIU- the largest healthcare union in the nation, where we represent over 10,000 healthcare workers in Maryland. Given the fact that many of our economically limited members pay more in taxes than several large Maryland corporations, we are supportive of HB0229- the Corporate Income Tax – Throwback Rule.

Tax loopholes have caused greedy corporations to swindle hardworking Marylanders, including our 1199SEIU members, out of millions of dollars in social services each year and other fiscal programs that could benefit communities across Maryland. Maryland’s current corporate tax laws shield numerous corporations from paying full taxes through “nowhere sales.” How is it equitable for a company with its primary facilities in Maryland to make a sale outside the state and not be charged a tax in either jurisdiction? It’s not.

Marylanders are sacrificing necessities such as extended public transit hours, protective services for children, and much more to protect the bottom line of corporations. While the Act would increase some corporations’ tax responsibilities, it is not likely to have a significant effect on their bottom lines. State taxes are only a small part of most companies’ costs. Marylanders are the only ones significantly impacted under this tax policy.

For 1199SEIU members- the majority of whom are middle class- this Act is vital to providing essential services, such as emergency medical services. Not only would this Act create increase tax revenue for the state, but this Act would decrease inequitable tax loopholes and hold corporations to a higher standard. For this reason, we believe that this Act will benefit our members and Maryland as a whole. We ask that you support the Corporate Income Tax – Throwback Rule- Act of 2021.

Respectfully,

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