



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

SB 491
Oppose

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

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SB 491 Property Tax - Taxation of Business Property - Tax Rates, Exemptions, and Credits

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The City of Takoma Park opposes SB 491, which exempts most businesses in Maryland from personal property taxes and limits personal property tax rates on businesses to \$2 per \$100.

Takoma Park has modest personal property tax rates that fall below the cap set in SB 491. However, exempting most businesses from personal property taxes will reduce the City's revenues by \$150,000 to \$160,000 annually. At a time when Takoma Park residents are struggling, city budgets are tight, the national economic forecast looks bleak, and inflation is high, city revenues are needed more than ever to provide necessary services to residents. Limiting personal property taxes to only health clubs, fitness clubs, fitness centers excludes most businesses from fair taxes on personal property.

For these reasons, the City of Takoma Park opposes SB 491, and urges an unfavorable vote.