

MARYLAND



Destination Marketing Organizations

March 2, 2022

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chairman
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Re: Senate Bill 622 – Income Tax - Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment Expenses

Position: *Support*

Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (MDMO), I am writing to express our *support* for Senate Bill 622, Income Tax - Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment Expenses. Senate Bill 622 allows for an individual to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain travel, hospitality, and entertainment expenses. These tourism related expenses must be incurred by the individual during taxable years 2022 and 2023. As leisure travel for Marylanders are getting back to pre-pandemic levels, now is as important as ever to encourage travel within Maryland.

The Tourism Promotion Act of 2008 dedicated \$2.5 million in grant funding for the 23 counties, Baltimore City, and Ocean City. Each year the Maryland Destination Marketing Organizations continue to leverage state, local, and private partnership funds to promote visitor spending in Maryland through direct and in-direct marketing efforts.

I respectfully request a *favorable* report of Senate Bill 622, which continues to show your dedicated support to the tourism industry. Thank you for your kind consideration and attention to this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristen Goller, Chair
Maryland Destination Marketing Organizations