

Dear members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee,

I am a resident of District 46 and a business owner who pays the \$300 yearly filing fee, and I am writing to **oppose** SB403.

In a year when we are proposing to not fund Blueprint for Maryland, it seems unconscionable for us to propose cutting fees for businesses. I will continue to operate my business no matter if there is this \$300 fee or not. However, one of the things that make Maryland the most inhospitable for business is the lack of investment we are making into people, through education, as well as many of the other social services that we provide to people through our schools.

This is a very expensive way for some politicians to be able to say that they are pro-business, while ignoring some of our most vulnerable residents. This was made very obvious when SDAT sent an email to all filers asking them to submit testimony in favor of this legislation, which feels very dirty.

Please oppose this legislation.

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