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Maryland General Assembly

To all that will read this opinion on HB0409,

Obviously there are many businesses in Maryland and we all (hopefully) pay taxes in order to operate. Sales tax, income tax, unemployment, etc. None of these require a fee to pay for the convenience of filing their respective reports. If we're paying the taxes, the administration cost should be paid for by the tax itself. Administrators get paid by the government so there should be no extra cost to the business to pay for filing fees.

While Wal-Mart, Target, Starbucks and all the big box stores don't think twice about it, it's just one more cost for a small business to operate in Maryland that does not contribute to the potential profit of that business. Again, there logically should not be that expense for the convenience of filing a tax report.

Please seriously consider HB0409 to support the businesses you use every day as well as encourage the growth of Maryland's workforce with additional companies deciding to operate in our great state.

Also, please shop local!

Sincerely,

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