



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0234**  
**Unemployment Insurance – Notice of Earned Income Tax Credits for**  
**Unemployment Insurance Claimants**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Palakovich-Carr

**Committee:** Economic Matters

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0234 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state with well over 30,000 members.

This bill is all about looking out for people who don't have the time or the wherewithal to navigate all of our complex systems to make sure they are getting the help that they qualify for. People who are unemployed do qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This will help them save more of their income from taxes, but at least 25% of unemployed Marylanders don't know that they are eligible.

This bill simply requires the Maryland Department of Labor to notify them when they send out 1099-G forms (either electronically or via the mail). There is little cost involved, since most Marylanders elect to get their 1099-G forms electronically. This is a small thing that would make a big difference in the finances of someone who is unemployed and struggling to make ends meet.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.