



Bill No.: HB 457

Title: Corporate Income Tax - Throwback Rule and Combined Reporting

Committee: Ways and Means Committee

Hearing Date: February 9, 2022

Position: Support

Dear Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am a Maryland resident in District 40 and serve as Executive Director of Maryland Rise. Maryland Rise works to ensure that our state government and economy work for the majority of residents. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 457, the Throwback Rule and Combined Reporting. Corporate tax loopholes take away resources that could be going to our schools, transit services, COVID recovery and so much more. Most other states have closed major loopholes, but MD has not.

HB 457 will ensure Maryland's tax system works for all of us, rather than giving special treatment to powerful interest groups. It will close loopholes that benefit large, profitable corporations and their shareholders at the expense of the public services working Marylanders and small businesses expect our state to provide. It is not acceptable that one-third of the 150 largest corporations in our state pay no income tax in a given year.

The measures proposed in HB 457 are reasonable, and are already in place in most other states. It is time for Maryland to catch up. This bill would level the playing field for our small local businesses and help support long-term investments in our schools, roads, parks, and other public services.

I respectfully urge the committee to support HB 457.

Thank you,

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