

## Testimony in Support of HB 457

**“Corporate Income Tax - Throwback Rule and Combined Reporting”** House Ways and Means Committee

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TO: Chair Aterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and members of the Ways and Means Committee  
FROM: Shawnice King, Baltimore City Organizer

My name is Shawnice King. I am a resident of District 12. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 457, which would close two corporate tax loopholes by enacting combined reporting and the “throwback rule.”

About  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the 150 largest corporations in MD pay ZERO state income taxes most years. It's time to pass HB 457 to close corporate tax loopholes and ensure profitable big businesses are paying their fair share.

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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