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Maryland Senate 11 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 324: Income Tax Credit – Student Bus Transportation

Members of the Maryland Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 plus members and fully support giving parents who had to supply their students with transportation a tax credit of up to \$1500.

This bill would be a financial help to families that need the most help during these extremely trying times. Especially those that suffer with disabilities or who suffer from chronic health conditions. That money can make a positive impact on many Maryland families, and their ability to build their savings, or to afford necessities like medications, health care and a variety of necessary therapies.

Our children's buses did not show up a lot of the time, were often late or were too full to pick up our students with disabilities. Leaving it too parents to pick up the slack and drive their children to school, often taking time out of their busy work schedules. This kind of tax credit will go a long way to help our families. We would really love to see it retroactively applied to the Fall of the 2022-2023 school year.

So many of our families are still hurting financially from the past 3 years of health and economic hardships, we all can use a helping hand during these trying times. We hope that the MGA will also work on other constructive ways of supporting working families and elderly populations moving forward. This one is many steps needed to support our varied communities of PAC members.

The future of Maryland's economy lies with its families that we need to be supporting now and into the future. Let's support them now when they need it the most.

Please support Senate Bill 324 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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