

**Letter of Information – Senate Bill 380 – Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Water
Affordability Assistance**
Budget and Tax Committee
February 22, 2023

The Comptroller's Office would like to thank Senator Washington for bringing this bill and providing the opportunity to comment on it. Senate Bill 380 would create a subtraction modification for certain water affordability assistance, including water bill arrearage forgiveness.

- The Comptroller recommends amending the bill to require the localities to submit the required data to the Comptroller periodically and without a request from the Comptroller. The following amendment is suggested:

(2) ~~ON REQUEST, A~~ A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT ADMINISTERS A WATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMPTROLLER, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE REQUEST FOR EACH QUARTER DURING THE YEAR THE UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES THE WATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE, AND IN THE MANNER REQUESTED BY THE COMPTROLLER, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

As always, the Comptroller's Office is willing and available to discuss these concerns or any questions you may have at your convenience. Please contact Justin Hayes, Legislative Director at jhayes@marylandtaxes.gov or 410-260-7696.

