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Hon. Guy Guzzone  
Chair, Senate Budget & Tax Committee.  
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Annapolis, MD 21401  
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Re: **HB 0039** - Corporate Income Tax Returns of Publicly Traded Corporations - Reporting Requirement  
Position: **Unfavorable**

Dear Chair Guzzone:

The Howard County Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is a business organization dedicated to economic, business, and community development in Howard County and the Central Maryland region. In advancing our mission, we advocate for policies that lead to job creation and investment.

Maryland implemented a change from three factor apportionment to Single Sales Factor Apportionment (fully phased-in for 2022), or an alternate calculation for larger corporations which double-weights the sales factor. Therefore, three-factor apportionment fraction calculation proposed in HB 39 (pg.3 lines 5-12) conflicts with existing law.

The reporting required by this bill (HB 0039) is complex and will not provide any helpful information for the state to use in administering tax policies, while simultaneously adding significant time and costs for the companies and for the Comptroller's Office staff.

Maryland would be a less desirable state for publicly traded corporations to do business in and choose to locate their headquarters. Further, the Bill's certification requirements would unnecessarily expose individuals who sign the new filings on behalf of such corporations to potential liability. We therefore see HB 0039 is neither good tax policy nor effective tax administration.

On behalf of the Chamber members, we request an unfavorable vote on HB 0039

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leonardo McClarty'.

Leonardo McClarty, CCE  
President, Howard County Chamber

Copy: **Members of Budget and Tax Committee**