



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 0002
Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Union Dues**

January 20, 2023
Ways and Means Committee
Maryland House

TO: Hon. Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee

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Chair Atterbeary and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, on behalf of the 23,000 working men and women represented by United Food & Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) Local 27, I am submitting testimony in support of HB 0002.

UFCW Local 27 is proud to represent the hard-working men and women in retail food, food processing, manufacturing, distribution, gaming, health care, cannabis and other industries.

Nationally, UFCW represents over 1.3 million hard-working men and women who work in highly regulated industries. Through collective bargaining our members in Maryland raise the workplace standards of wages, benefits, safety, and retirement for all workers.

UFCW Local 27 strongly supports this legislation (HB 0002) that will allow union dues to be a tax deduction. This will directly impact and improve the lives of working families in Maryland. It is a financial win for essential union members who protect and raise the standards for working people in Maryland.

This legislation is would put more money into the pockets of essential union workers, which is needed. For those reasons, on behalf of our members and all working families, we urge you to vote yes on HB 00002.

I urge the Committee to SUPPORT HB 00002.