



**Delaware-Maryland Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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Testimony prepared for the  
**Budget and Taxation Committee**  
on  
**Senate Bill 766**  
February 21, 2024  
Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of sufficient livelihood all. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; a faith community with three synods in every part of the Maryland.

Progressive taxation was advocated by our community in “Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All” (ELCA, 1999).

Maryland is a very wealthy state with a fairly regressive tax code. Those two effects are typically not accidents. **Senate Bill 766** would establish more tiered, that is, progressive tax brackets so that the benefits of the productive economy would result in less inequality.

We urge a favorable report.

Lee Hudson