

SB 859- Favorable

My name is Betsy Krieger. I live in Baltimore and have for almost all my life.

I am also a trustee of two local foundations. In this capacity, I have seen the enormous gaps in service and support for low and moderate income Marylanders. I'm sure I don't need to tell the Senators about the desperate need for affordable housing. And today, I was speaking to a service provider who said that the lack of affordable childcare is keeping mothers out of the workforce and preventing them from being able to support their families. And we need to improve our schools, so students will be prepared to be productive citizens.

We cannot cut our way out of the budget deficit and still support Maryland families. And shouldn't multinational corporations, and wealthy Marylanders (which includes me) pay our fair share? Of course, we should. Why should I pay a smaller percentage of my income than a lower-income person pays?

I want to live in a State that takes care of all its citizens. I don't want Maryland businesses to suffer because multinational corporations pay no taxes and I don't want low and moderate income Marylanders to suffer because I'm not paying my fair share.

Please pass SB859. It's only fair!