



SB 324 - Admissions and Amusement Tax - Food and Beverages
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
January 27, 2025
Position: Unfavorable

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 324 - Admissions and Amusement Tax - Food and Beverages

My name is Wanda Jacocks. I am a resident of Charles County and I work in Prince George County. I am currently the Senior Manager for Xscape Theaters located in Brandywine, MD. I am concerned that passage of this bill could not only impact our business but would also negatively impact the families of our community.

Our location is still suffering from the pandemic. Our attendance levels remain below pre-pandemic levels. An additional 3% tax will force us to raise prices to compensate, thus creating another barrier to our hopeful future recovery.

As a resident of Maryland, and someone not immune to inflation, I am against this additional tax. When businesses are forced to raise their prices due to increasing tax burden, it impedes local families from participating in out of home entertainment.

Sincerely,

Wanda Jacocks