

Senate Bill 1045
Chair Guy Guzzone
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Legislators:

I am writing to strongly **OPPOSE House Bill 1554/Senate Bill 1045: Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Business Services – Alterations**. As the **Agency Director of HomeCentris Personal Home Care**, I oversee the provision of essential home care services to elderly and vulnerable residents throughout Maryland. Our agency is a **Medicaid provider**, dedicated to ensuring that individuals in need receive compassionate and reliable care in the comfort of their homes.

Implementing a sales tax on business services, as proposed in this bill, would **significantly impact our ability to operate efficiently** and continue delivering high-quality care. Increased operational costs would ultimately **limit our capacity to serve those who rely on our care the most**, including low-income and underserved individuals. Furthermore, it would place an additional financial burden on small businesses like ours, threatening the stability of our services.

We are committed to **supporting Maryland's most vulnerable populations** and maintaining a sustainable care model. However, this bill could force us to **reduce services, limit employment opportunities, or pass higher costs to consumers** — all of which would negatively impact the very people we strive to protect.

I urge you to consider the **long-term consequences** of this bill and **vote against it** to ensure that Maryland's elderly and vulnerable communities continue receiving the care and support they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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