

## Testimony Against HB0023

Honorable Delegates

Please vote against HB0023.

This bill would allow the Counties to impose an additional tax up to 12.5 cents per \$100,000 of appraised value on commercial and industrial properties to pay for either transportation projects or Board of Education expenses. This is another attempt to find additional sources to pay for unfunded mandates imposed by the State upon the Counties, and would make Maryland even more business unfriendly.

This is another attempt to tell us that we will not pay additional taxes, when we will eventually pay this tax. By taxing corporations and businesses, we are being taxed indirectly whenever we buy their products or use their services when these taxes are added to their prices.

For some businesses and services, it may result in their departure from the County, or even the State, or going bankrupt. If that happens, it will deprive us of their goods and services and for some, deprive them of their livelihood.

Rather than find additional revenue sources, perhaps these transportation and educational projects should be delayed or reduced.

Please vote against HB00203.

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