



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0987**  
Corporate Income Tax - Addition Modification - Direct-to-Consumer  
Pharmaceutical Advertising

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**TO: Chair Senator Guy Guzzone, Vice Chair Senator Jim Rosapepe and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.**

**FROM: Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)**

**DATE: March 11, 2026**

**Dear Chair Senator Guzzone, Vice Chair Senator Rosapepe and all members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**

Thank you for the opportunity to write on this important bill.

It is very concerning that the Affordable Care Act, which has seen the numbers of uninsured in MD drop from 13% to 6%. That is a benefit not only to the families who are now insured, but to all of us.

People are healthier, don't need as many ER visits and recover from illnesses much more quickly. That alone saves money, never mind increases productivity. Due to the Federal Government's actions on administrative burdens and budget cuts along with the termination of enhanced advance tax credits, people are going to no longer be able to afford the needed insurance. It is going to be disastrous for all of us, especially people who will be uninsured.

SB0897 will put \$5 million preyer into funding Medicaid which will help the State to build and maintain coverage. Under HR 1, there are new work requirements and 6 month redeterminations for adults. This doesn't work, it's been demonstrated in other states. The vast majority of Marylanders are already working. The extra costs imposed by the government will decrease the State's ability to provide care to people.

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SB 0987 is a way to address the issue by helping to protect the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs while generating revenue to support the growing health care coverage demands of our state.

I am a retired Registered Nurse and understand the burdens that we all face when people cannot receive care.

I am a member of the Episcopal Church which believes that we are to take care of our neighbors. This means advocating for all needs which includes the basic need of health care.

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a  
FAVORABLE report**

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