

**Testimony in Support of HB 1243
by Mark Burke, Streetcar 82 Brewing co.**

Thank you Chair Wilkins and Vice Chair Feldmark. Thank you also to Delegate Williams for sponsoring this bill. Special thanks to Julie Verratti for the lead on this.

My name is Mark Burke and I am the founder of Streetcar 82 Brewing Co. in Hyattsville. We are a Deaf owned and operated manufacturing company and we have been in the business since 2018. We are proud to employ 11 Deaf staff on our team.

I write in support of HB 1243. These tax rates on small manufacturing businesses are anti-competitive and disincentivize business growth. At a time when the county needs to support businesses. The rates hinder the manufacturing businesses from being able to re-invest and grow as a business.

Tax policy should encourage business growth!

I ask the committee to please vote in favor of HB 1243 to help small manufacturers succeed in Prince George's County.