

Testimony For SB0211

Honorable Senators

Please enter a favorable report for SB0211.

I support repealing the Maryland estate tax.

After years of working and paying confiscatory income, property, and sales taxes, we should be able to leave our hard earned estates to our family without having to pay a death tax and go through the expensive process of probate on top of the tax.

While some of us are exempt or have the money to afford expensive estate planning to avoid probate, others sometimes have to sell off houses, property and businesses because the state believes our estate value is so high, we must share a portion of it with the state. Often the so-called untaxed appreciation is due to inflation that the federal government caused by its policies.

Let us die in peace knowing that we have accomplished the goal of most people, leaving enough of our wealth to our family members so they do not have to work as hard as we did to obtain it and that they can continue the family business and farms without having to sell it to pay the onerous taxes.

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