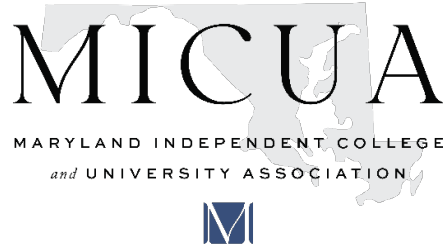


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Opposition

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee *Senate Bill 547 – (Charles)- Recipients of State and Local Government – Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)*

Matt Power, President
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February 24, 2026

On behalf of Maryland's independent colleges and universities and the more than 56,000 students we serve, thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support with amendments regarding [Senate Bill 547 – \(Charles\)- Recipients of State and Local Government - Reporting \(Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements\)](#). MICUA respectfully opposes SB 547 because it is unnecessary, duplicative, and will impose new administrative costs on the very institutions Maryland relies upon to expand access to higher education without additional state investment.

MICUA institutions already submit detailed financial, operational, and procurement data to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Governor's Office, the Department of Legislative Services (DLS), and the General Assembly. Our institutions also participate in numerous Buy Local programs including HopkinsLocal and the Baltimore Integration Partnership.

These reports already capture vendor identities, contract values, MBE participation, employment levels, and in-state/out-of-state spending—precisely the information SB 547 would duplicate. Requiring a second, parallel submission to the Comptroller by October 15 (two months after the close of the fiscal year and in the middle of fall semester operations) will divert limited institutional resources away from students and instruction without yielding any new actionable data or value added for policymakers.

If the Committee nonetheless moves the bill, MICUA respectfully requests that SB 547 be amended to exempt private, nonprofit institutions of higher education. Exempting them will reduce redundant paperwork while preserving the bill's stated purpose of tracking direct governmental expenditures and providing oversight.

Thank you for your consideration. We are happy to provide any additional information the Committee may need.

SB0547 -- Recipients of State and Local Government

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Senate Bill 547 -- *Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)*
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
February 24, 2026
Oppose

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, opposes Senate Bill 547 -- *Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)*

Senate Bill 547 requires businesses that receive state funding to annually report to the Comptroller of Maryland information on the use of the funding, including a description of the purpose for which the funding was provided and the name of any entity, contractor, or subcontractor that receives any of the funding to perform work, including: (1) the address of the contractor and any subcontractor the contractor hires; (2) the number of employees each contractor or subcontractor employs; (3) the address where the work is performed; and (4) whether the contractor or subcontractor is a certified MBE. The bill requires an annual report from the Comptroller that includes: (1) the percentage of out-of-state and in-state contractors or subcontractors; (2) the average size, by employee, of the contractor or subcontractor; and (3) the percentage of contractors or subcontractors that are certified MBEs. Also, the bill requires that for someone that receives a payment from a unit of state, county, or municipal government for providing goods or services to the unit, that they provide: (1) a description of the goods or services the individual or corporation provided; (2) the number of individuals that the individual or Corporation employs; (3) a statement that the individual or corporation is or is not a certified MBE; and (4) the name of any entity, contractor, or subcontractor that the individual contracts.

Senate Bill 547 would impose substantial new administrative burdens on small businesses by requiring extensive annual reporting that many lack the resources or systems to manage. At a time when Maryland should be streamlining regulations to attract employers and jobs, adding layers of compliance makes Maryland less competitive and deters businesses from seeking state-funded opportunities. The bill would also disproportionately harm small and minority-owned contractors, who often operate with limited resources and would be forced to divert time and money away from core operations just to meet the bill's detailed reporting mandates. These requirements, such as tracking subcontractor employee counts, worksite addresses, and MBE certifications, offer little operational value yet create additional hurdles that may discourage firms from bidding on public contracts.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce opposes Senate Bill 547 and respectfully requests an unfavorable report.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), on behalf of its members, champions the growth of business opportunities, strategic infrastructure investments, and a strong workforce to position Metro Maryland as a premier regional, national, and global business location. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent, non-profit membership organization.

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Senate Bill 547

Date: February 24, 2026
Committee: Budget & Taxation
Position: Unfavorable

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners, and we work to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

Senate Bill 547 (SB 547) would require state and local governments, and businesses that receive public funds, to submit detailed annual reports to the Comptroller on how those funds are used, including information on contractors, subcontractors, and employment characteristics. The bill also ties certain reporting requirements to individual and corporate income tax filings, significantly expanding existing disclosure obligations.

We appreciate the intent of the bill to increase transparency around the use of State and local government funds. Transparency and accountability are important goals, and Maryland already has numerous procurement, auditing, and reporting requirements designed to ensure public dollars are used appropriately.

However, SB 547 would impose new and duplicative reporting obligations on businesses that contract with State and local governments. These expanded disclosures, particularly those linked to tax filings, would add administrative complexity and compliance costs for employers, especially small and mid-sized businesses, without clear evidence that the additional data collection would meaningfully improve oversight or policy outcomes.

Maryland businesses that partner with government already navigate extensive compliance requirements, and layering additional mandates on top of existing systems risks discouraging participation in public contracts and diverting resources away from investment, hiring, and growth.

For these reasons, the Chamber respectfully requests an **unfavorable report** on **SB 547**.

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Position: UNF



Maryland
Hospital Association

**Senate Bill 547 - Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting (Buy
Maryland Reporting Requirements)**

Position: *Oppose*

February 24, 2026

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

MHA Position

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment in opposition of Senate Bill 547 as introduced.

We value the sponsor's intent in introducing SB 547 to encourage the utilization of Maryland businesses to keep Maryland dollars in state. Our concerns stem from the broad impact on all organizations that receive funding through the state operating or capital budget, presumably including even Medicaid dollars. Additionally, we believe the information outlined in the bill is unduly difficult for organizations to collect and may already be collected by the state.

Maryland hospitals value the state funding received both through the operating and capital budget to support essential functions and capital projects that support patient care and the health of our communities. We appreciate that the sponsor is considering amendments that may address our concerns with this bill and look forward to continued collaboration with the bill sponsor on this important issue.

For these reasons, we request an unfavorable report on SB 547 as introduced.

For more information, please contact:

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Senate Bill 547

Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)

MACo Position: **OPPOSE**

To: Budget & Taxation Committee

Date: February 24, 2026

From: Karrington Anderson

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **OPPOSES** SB 547. This bill would impose new and administratively burdensome reporting requirements on counties and other recipients of state funding without providing additional resources to implement them.

SB 547 requires that, on or before October 15 each year, a “unit” defined to include units of state, county, or municipal government, or any person receiving state operating or capital funding, report detailed information to the Comptroller regarding the use of those funds. This includes a description of the funding purpose and extensive information on any contractor or subcontractor receiving funds to perform work on behalf of the unit, including business addresses, employee counts, worksite locations, and minority business enterprise certification status.

The bill further directs the Comptroller to compile and submit a report to the General Assembly summarizing this information, including the percentage of in-state versus out-of-state contractors and subcontractors, the average size of such entities by employee count, and the percentage certified as minority business enterprises.

While counties support transparency and accountability in the use of state funds, SB 547 creates an unfunded and administratively burdensome reporting mandate. Counties are already subject to state oversight when using state money.

Implementing the bill would require amendments to procurement and grant agreements, revisions to internal tracking systems, and coordination across multiple departments to ensure compliance by vendors and subrecipients. The bill also imposes reporting obligations directly on contractors, which would necessitate updates to standard contract and grant language to ensure enforceability.

Counties remain committed partners in ensuring responsible stewardship of public funds. However, broad new reporting mandates of this scope should be carefully balanced against administrative feasibility and cost. SB 547 would create significant compliance challenges with uncertain policy benefits. For these reasons, MACo urges an **UNFAVORABLE** report for SB 547.

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Position: UNF



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February 24, 2026

RE: SB 547 – UNFAVORABLE – Recipients of State and Local Government Funding – Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 250 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

Senate Bill 547 would require State and local government, as well as individuals and corporations receiving State funding, to submit detailed annual reports to the Comptroller on the use of those funds. The bill would also mandate that contractors and subcontractors include extensive information about their employees, business status, and subcontracting relationships on tax filings. The Comptroller would then consolidate this information and report to the General Assembly on the composition and use of State funding.

While MTBMA shares the goal of transparent public spending, we have significant concerns with the scope, burden, and unintended consequences in SB 547. The bill’s reporting framework would impose substantial new recordkeeping and reporting obligations on both government units and private entities receiving public funding. Many contractors, particularly small and mid-sized firms, currently operate with limited administrative staff and resources. Compiling and submitting detailed contractor/subcontractor data annually—above and beyond existing procurement reporting—is likely to divert time and money away from core business operations. The additional compliance burden may discourage participation by some contractors in public procurement or bidding on State-funded projects, particularly smaller firms lacking capacity for ongoing reporting, which runs counter to public policy goals of broad contractor participation. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 547.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata
President and CEO
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association

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Position: UNF



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February 24, 2026

**RE: SB 547 – UNFAVORABLE – Recipients of State and Local Government Funding – Reporting
(Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)**

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association (MAA) represents approximately 110+ members, including 20 material producers, contractors, engineering firms, and associate members, supporting a 7,000-person workforce. MAA actively collaborates with regulatory agencies to advocate for the asphalt industry, ensuring fair regulations at both the state and federal levels. Additionally, we support adequate funding for Maryland's multimodal transportation system.

Senate Bill 547 would require State and local government, as well as individuals and corporations receiving State funding, to submit detailed annual reports to the Comptroller on the use of those funds. The bill would also mandate that contractors and subcontractors include extensive information about their employees, business status, and subcontracting relationships on tax filings. The Comptroller would then consolidate this information and report to the General Assembly on the composition and use of State funding.

While MAA shares the goal of transparent public spending, we have significant concerns with the scope, burden, and unintended consequences in SB 547. The bill's reporting framework would impose substantial new recordkeeping and reporting obligations on both government units and private entities receiving public funding. Many contractors, particularly small and mid-sized firms, currently operate with limited administrative staff and resources. Compiling and submitting detailed contractor/subcontractor data annually—above and beyond existing procurement reporting—is likely to divert time and money away from core business operations. The additional compliance burden may discourage participation by some contractors in public procurement or bidding on State-funded projects, particularly smaller firms lacking capacity for ongoing reporting, which runs counter to public policy goals of broad contractor participation.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 547.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim E. Smith'.

Tim E. Smith, P.E.
President
Maryland Asphalt Association

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 547

TO: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
FROM: Maryland Department of Labor
DATE: 02/20/2026
BILL: Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)

MDL POSITION: LETTER OF CONCERN

The Maryland Department of Labor respectfully expresses formal concern regarding the operational and fiscal impacts of Senate Bill 547. The proposed bill mandates that units of state, local, and municipal governments report annually to the Comptroller regarding entities that receive funding from the state operating or capital budget. The required report must encompass extensive details, including the purpose of the funding, the names of contractors or subcontractors, demographic information, employee counts, work locations, and whether the entity is a certified minority business enterprise.

Compliance with these requirements will impose significant administrative and fiscal burdens across multiple divisions within our Department. As an example, the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning manages a total of 45 grant programs utilizing a braiding of state, federal, local, and private funds. Currently, the Division is not mandated to collect and report this aggregate grant or contract information to the Comptroller as described in this bill. To accommodate the extensive data collection required for all grantees, contractors, and subgrantees, the Division would need additional staffing beyond current resources. This operational requirement translates to a direct fiscal impact of \$90,008 in Fiscal Year 2027, which will incrementally increase to \$121,011 by Fiscal Year 2031.

Other divisions within the Department will experience similar operational strains. The Office of Financial Regulation anticipates that the requirements of this bill would



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likely create a significant burden, particularly concerning the Access to Banking Venture Fund and associated fintech and depository institutions, and will most likely require additional staff.

The Maryland Department of Labor respectfully requests the Committee carefully consider the fiscal, staffing, and compliance burdens that Senate Bill 547 will place on the Department as it deliberates this legislation.

For questions, please contact Andrew Fulginiti at **Andrew.Fulginiti@maryland.gov**

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SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

Senate Bill 547

Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting

February 24, 2026

Information

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on Senate Bill 547. Senate Bill 547 seeks to establish a broad annual reporting requirement for all units of State and local government, as well as any individual or entity receiving funding from the State's operating or capital budget. As introduced, the bill requires these recipients to report detailed information to the Comptroller by October 15 each year regarding how State funds were used, including information related to contractors and subcontractors. The bill further requires certain vendors receiving payments from government units for goods or services to include similar information on their state income tax filings. The Comptroller must then consolidate this information and issue an annual statewide report to the General Assembly.

The University System of Maryland (USM) is comprised of twelve distinguished institutions, and three regional centers. These institutions are located throughout the state, from western Maryland to the Eastern Shore, with the flagship campus in the Washington suburbs. The USM includes three Historically Black Universities, comprehensive institutions and research universities, and the country's largest public online institution.

In consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, this bill does apply to the USM. The bill's extensive data-collection obligation would impose a substantial and ongoing administrative burden across our institutions. Additionally, the absence of any dollar threshold in the bill raises concerns about whether **every** purchase – no matter how small – would trigger the reporting requirement, including routine office-supply transactions and other low-value purchases. The USM is unable to quantify the full fiscal impact of SB 547; however, the responsibility for compiling, managing, and submitting this information annually by October 1 would fall directly upon our institutions, which will require significant staff time and potential IT system modifications.

It is our understanding that the Comptroller's Office is in the process of replacing the antiquated main frame Financial Management Information System (FMIS) with a new cloud-based financial system. One of the benefits of this significant investment is more robust data collection and reporting capabilities. The USM believes it would be prudent to wait for that project to come to fruition before establishing new reporting requirements into statute.

Given these concerns, USM would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the sponsor on amendments that preserve the bill's intent while ensuring the reporting requirements are workable. Two amendments, in particular, would meaningfully reduce administrative burden without compromising transparency:

Establishing a reporting threshold – for example, limiting the requirement to contracts or purchases over \$25,000. This aligns reporting with transactions of material significance and avoids the unnecessary processing of minor purchases.

Providing delayed implementation – allowing adequate time for USM institutions to update procurement and financial reporting systems so that subcontractor addresses and related data can be tracked automatically and accurately.

With these targeted amendments, USM could possibly move to a position of “Favorable with Amendments” and help ensure that the State’s transparency goals are achieved in a manner that is operationally feasible and fiscally responsible.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information regarding Senate Bill 547.



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***SB 547 - Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting
(Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)***

Position: Letter of Information
Committee: Budget and Taxation Committee
Date: February 24, 2026
From: John R. Woolums, Esq.

The Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) is providing this Letter of Information on SB547 to explain the operational and fiscal effects of this proposed legislation on the Department.

This bill would require state agencies, local governments, and persons that receive funding from the State operating or capital budget to report annually to the Comptroller on the uses of the state funding, and detailed information on the contractors and subcontractors. Further, the bill would mandate that all businesses and persons who receive any operating or capital funding from the State or a local government must provide detailed annual reporting to the Comptroller, including:

- A description of the purpose of the funding;
- The names of any entities, contractors, or subcontractors receiving funding to perform work on the contract;
- The addresses of contractors and subcontractors;
- The numbers of employees of each contractor and subcontractor;
- The addresses where any work is performed; and
- The MBE status of the contractor and subcontractors.

SB 547 would mandate the collection of data to a degree of specificity and broad scope not reflected in current policies and procedures for state agencies. Therefore, the bill would require the development of new contractual requirements to ensure that all contractors annually report the required information for their own staff and each of their subcontractors. Collecting this information for each contractor and subcontractor utilized by DGS on every contract per fiscal year would have an administrative burden on DGS. To fully implement this bill, DGS also submits that upgrades may be required to the State's Financial Management Information System (FMIS).

DGS respectfully requests that the Committee consider this information when deliberating on SB 547. DGS looks forward to further collaboration on this legislation.

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Letter of Information

Senate Bill 547 – Recipients of State and Local Government Funding – Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)
Budget & Taxation Committee
February 24, 2026

The Comptroller of Maryland is respectfully submitting this letter of information regarding Senate Bill 547 – Recipients of State and Local Government Funding – Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements). SB547 introduces new reporting requirements for state agencies and individuals who receive state funding.

Our office is currently in the process of migrating more than 3 million individual taxpayers from our legacy mainframe to our new integrated tax system, Maryland Tax Connect. This migration, currently scheduled for August 2026, is the largest and most complex phase of our years-long modernization project.

SB547 will require the Comptroller to develop a new schedule for individuals, corporations, pass-through entities and fiduciaries, including building out associated forms. In order to ensure a smooth migration to our new tax system, the Comptroller of Maryland respectfully requests that implementation of SB547 be delayed to July 31, 2027.

In addition, we would like to note that SB547 currently requires a unit or person that receives funding from the state operating or capital budget to report on or before October 15 of each year for the prior fiscal year. However, the extension filing date for corporations and pass-through entities is November 15. This may create a scenario where businesses are reporting on periods for which they have not yet filed a return. If the General Assembly chooses to delay this reporting requirement to accommodate late filers, we would respectfully request that the Comptroller's annual report be delayed accordingly, as our data warehouse will require approximately three months to process these statements and prepare the annual report.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please reach out to Matthew Dudzic, Director of State Affairs, at MDudzic@marylandtaxes.gov.



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February 24, 2026

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
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Re: Letter of Concern – Senate Bill 547 – Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting (Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)

Dear Chair Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 547 but respectfully offers the following concerns for the Committee's consideration.

SB 547 would require MDOT to collect additional details from vendors at the time of bid or proposal submission, would increase annual reporting requirements for MDOT, and would require contractors to report information on contracts as part of their tax returns. The administrative burden to MDOT, its vendors, and its contractors will be substantial.

MDOT currently requires prime contractors to list all subcontractors that will work on the contract if the offeror receives an award, including those utilized in meeting the MBE and VSBE subcontracting goals, if applicable. This list must include a full description of the duties each subcontractor will perform, as well as why and how each subcontractor was deemed the most qualified for the project.

SB 547 would also require vendors to report additional information as part of their bid or proposal: the number of employees each contractor or subcontractor employs and the address where the work will be performed. Procurement officers would need to enter all of this information into MDOT's Financial Management Information System (FMIS) so it will be available for reporting. MDOT would need to add additional fields as an enhancement to MDOT FMIS to make data collection and reporting possible. Each year MDOT would need to report all of this information, a description of the use of funds, and payment information to the Comptroller.

MDOT is concerned that there is no carve out for small procurements or Corporate Purchasing Card (CPC) purchases, so this applies to every transaction. This information would need to be collected prior to awarding any contract or making a CPC payment.

SB 547 will also require individuals or corporations that receive funding to report to the Comptroller on a return or declaration: a description of the goods or services provided to the State;

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the number of individuals that the corporation employs; whether the individual or corporation is a certified Minority Business Enterprise; the name of any entity, contractor, or subcontractor,

including the address, any subcontractor hires, the number of employees each subcontractor employs, the address where the work is performed, and whether the subcontractor is a certified Minority Business Enterprise.

Any new requirements on solicitations or contracts can be another disincentive for firms to compete for Maryland contracts. It would require more time and effort for vendors to complete even more paperwork just to bid, and contractors would need to submit this information as part of their State tax returns. This bill also creates duplicative information that is already required for contractors to report MBE through a documented process. It is unclear what would happen if the information contractors supply to the Comptroller does not match the information supplied by MDOT. There is also the possibility that vendors or contractors do not wish to submit this information and they cease doing business with the State.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 547.

Respectfully submitted,

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