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Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals

Re: Senate Bill 133 Business Occupations and Professions – State Boards and Commissions –
Sunset Extensions

Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,
The Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals represents over 1,400 tax and
accounting professionals who collectively serve more than 400,000 Maryland taxpayers and small
businesses. We respectfully submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 133.

Senate Bill 133 extends the termination dates for several State boards and commissions, including
the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers. This extension is essential to ensure continuity in
oversight, regulation, and consumer protection while required evaluations and reports are
completed.

For Maryland taxpayers, continued operation of the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers plays a
critical role in safeguarding the public from fraudulent, unethical, or unqualified tax preparers. The
Board provides an established framework for accountability, enforcement, and professional
standards that directly supports taxpayer confidence and trust in the tax preparation process.

For licensed tax preparers and accounting professionals, the bill provides regulatory stability and
avoids unnecessary disruption to licensing, compliance, and enforcement structures. Senate Bill
133 does not impose new requirements or burdens but instead preserves existing oversight
mechanisms that promote professionalism and integrity within the tax preparation industry.

By extending these sunset dates, the General Assembly ensures that regulatory bodies can
continue their work without interruption while policymakers evaluate long-term needs and
improvements. This measured approach protects consumers, supports regulated professionals, and
maintains confidence in Maryland's regulatory framework.

For these reasons, the Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals respectfully urges a
Favorable Report on Senate Bill 133.

Respectfully submitted,

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