



Testimony - HB 880, Maryland Income Tax - Decoupling From Amendments to the  
Internal Revenue Code - Depreciation and Business Interest Expenses  
Favorable

House Ways & Means Committee

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Honorable Chairwoman Wilkins & Members of the House Ways & Means Committee:

SEIU Local 500 represents thousands of public service and education workers who see firsthand the consequences of chronic underinvestment in public services—underinvestment driven in part by a tax system that allows large corporations to avoid paying what they owe. House Bill 880 directly addresses this imbalance by preventing Maryland from automatically adopting federal tax loopholes that overwhelmingly benefit wealthy corporations and large business interests.

Recent federal changes to depreciation and business interest deductions have enabled corporations to aggressively shelter profits, often paying little or nothing in state income taxes despite record earnings. These loopholes do not create shared prosperity; instead, they drain revenue from classrooms, public colleges, transportation systems, and essential services—forcing working families and public employees to pick up the tab.

HB 880 sends a clear message: Maryland will not subsidize corporate tax avoidance at the expense of its residents. By decoupling from these federal giveaways, the State affirms a basic principle of fairness—those who profit the most from our economy must contribute their fair share to sustain it.

At a time when public institutions are stretched thin and workers are being asked to do more with less, Maryland cannot afford to leave revenue on the table for the benefit of a few. House Bill 880 is a necessary and responsible step toward a tax system that works for everyone.

For these reasons, SEIU Local 500 urges a favorable report on House Bill 880.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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