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### **HB 478 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Classroom Supplies Purchased by Teachers - Alteration**

#### **House Ways and Means Committee**

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#### **SUPPORT**

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Madame Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 478. On behalf of our 700 affiliated unions, I offer the following comments.

HB 478 makes a simple correction to Maryland's tax code by extending the existing subtraction modification for unreimbursed classroom supply expenses to include Pre-K teachers.

Pre-K teachers are the first educators many children ever meet. Their classrooms are where students learn how to learn. These educators routinely spend their own money on the many materials that make early learning possible. HB 478 ensures they receive the same tax relief already available to K-12 teachers.

Recognizing Pre-K teachers is a meaningful step toward supporting the people who shape Maryland's youngest learners.

For these reasons, we urge a favorable vote on HB 478.



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