



HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL 930

INCOME TAX – DECOUPLING FROM FEDERAL CHANGES – EDUCATION EXPENSES

OPPOSE

Agudath Israel of Maryland, the Mid-Atlantic regional office for Agudath Israel of America – a renowned national Jewish advocacy organization with chapters across the country, speaks on behalf of the Orthodox Jewish communities across Maryland, including our 30-some schools and thousands of students and families across the state. We speak today in opposition to House Bill 930.

House Bill 930 would prohibit the Governor from opting in to allow scholarship-granting organizations within Maryland to participate in the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit established as part of the federal reconciliation bill. Under the federal guidelines, donations to eligible scholarship-granting organizations allow one to claim a certain tax credit on their federal taxes. If this bill is passed, Maryland residents will still be able to claim the federal tax credit, by donating to scholarship-granting organizations in other states. HB 930 would merely mean that Marylanders will receive their tax credit by donating to organizations based in other states, rather than directing the money to help Marylanders.

Under the guidelines of the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit, donations generate funds for scholarships for education-related expenses for eligible students from both public and nonpublic schools. These funds can be used for additional tutoring, special education expenses, student technology purchases, and more.

As part of his agenda, Governor Moore has worked on ensuring that Maryland receives its fair share of federal funding. House Bill 930 would essentially incentivize Maryland taxpayers to send their donations to help students in other states rather than helping Marylanders. Recent polling has found that overwhelming majorities of Marylanders from both parties believe the Governor should opt in so that Maryland organizations can receive this funding (at no cost to the State). We therefore urge that an unfavorable report on House Bill 930. Thank you.