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House Bill 1128 – Angel Investor Tax Credit for Investments in Emergent Technology

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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 opposition to House Bill 1128.

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While encouraging innovation is an important policy objective, House Bill 1128 establishes a highly targeted tax credit that adds complexity to Maryland's income tax system and commits the State to a minimum annual appropriation of \$25 million.

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The credit introduces layered eligibility criteria, ownership restrictions, recapture rules, reserve fund administration, and application requirements that increase compliance and advisory burdens for taxpayers and tax professionals.

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Additionally, the credit is limited to specific high-technology industries, narrowing the tax base and creating differential treatment among sectors of Maryland's economy. Broad-based tax relief or regulatory reform may provide more equitable economic development benefits than sector-specific incentives.

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Given Maryland's ongoing fiscal pressures, committing substantial annual funding to a targeted tax expenditure warrants careful evaluation of return on investment and long-term revenue impact.

For these reasons, the Maryland Society of Accounting and Tax Professionals respectfully urges an Unfavorable Report on House Bill 1128.

Respectfully submitted,

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