



Senate Bill 388

Position: Favorable

Committee: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

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Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic health and growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

Senate Bill 388 (SB 388) extends the Build Our Future Grant Program, which provides matching grants of up to \$2 million to increase construction of innovative infrastructure for high-growth sectors, to 2030. Additionally, SB 388 establishes a critical affiliated group exemption for companies subject to the Tech Tax that was enacted last year. This critical change will prevent affiliated groups from being double-taxed and promote economic growth and job creation in Maryland.

Many of Maryland's businesses utilize the Research and Development Tax Credit and the Employer Security Clearance Cost Tax Credit to expand and create jobs in Maryland. Additionally, the affiliated group exemption will promote business expansion and job creation in Maryland. **For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests a favorable report on SB 388.**