

Businesses for Maryland's Future

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Raymond S. Wacks

Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building
80 Calvert Street
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Re: Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission

Dear Chairman Wacks,

Maryland is currently facing a significant budget shortfall, potentially forcing cuts to valuable public structures like education, healthcare, and public safety services. While citizens and small businesses pay their taxes to keep these vital public structures afloat, large corporations are able to avoid state taxes by taking advantage of tax loopholes. If large corporations can avoid the taxes that in-state businesses pay every year, it leaves Maryland businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

Local businesses are the backbone of Maryland communities and combined reporting would ensure that they can compete on a level playing field with large multi-state companies. Businesses should thrive on efficiency and innovation -- not accounting tricks and tax avoidance. It's time to fix the tax laws that harm Maryland businesses and make corporations contribute.

We the undersigned urge you to recommend combined reporting to close corporate tax loopholes and level the playing field for Maryland businesses.

Sincerely,

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