



February 24, 2022

Chair Guzzone and Members of the
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Senate Miller Building, 3 West
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB622 - Income Tax - Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee:

On behalf of Visit Frederick (the Tourism Council of Frederick County), the designated destination marketing organization for Frederick, Maryland and an active member of the Maryland Tourism Coalition, please accept this letter of support for SB622 – Income Tax – Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment.

SB622 will provide an income tax credit to Marylanders who vacation 50 miles or more from their place of residency in the state of Maryland. We believe this will be a significant driver of in-state visitation along with the accompanying and crucial economic impact.

As we are sure you are very much aware of, the Tourism/Hospitality industry is one of the hardest hit industries throughout the pandemic, and it is vital now more than ever to support your tourism and hospitality businesses.

We encourage everyone on the Budget and Taxation Committee to support SB622.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Ziedelis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dave Ziedelis

Executive Director