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Testimony on Senate Bill 93
Tax Credits – Employment of Individuals with Disabilities
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Position: Favorable

Maryland Nonprofits is a statewide association of more than 1300 nonprofit organizations and institutions. We urge you to support Senate Bill 93, to increase Maryland's incentive for employers to hire and provide supports to employees with physical or mental disabilities.

The unemployment rate for Marylanders who have disabilities continues to be at least twice that those who do not. On the broader measure of the percentage of population employed, persons with cognitive or developmental disabilities are employed at rates of only about 30% compared to 78% of persons without a disability.

Senate Bill 93 would increase Maryland's incentive to prospective employers, unchanged since 2015, by roughly 40%. Given the importance to do more allow persons with disabilities to achieve increased financial stability and independence, we believe this is easily justified.

We urge you to give Senate Bill 93 **a favorable report.**