



MARYLAND
Chamber of Commerce

**LEGISLATIVE POSITION:
LETTER OF INFORMATION
House Bill 1215**

**Transportation Financing - Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee (Transportation Funding Act of 2024)
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Friday, March 1, 2024**

Dear Chairman Korman and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 6,800 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth and recovery for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

House Bill 1215 would impose a new retail delivery tax of \$.50 on each retail delivery transaction a vendor or marketplace facilitator makes in Maryland.

The Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs was established to review, evaluate and make recommendations on sustainable funding sources of the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). The Commission's final report is due January 1, 2025. The Chamber urges the committee to not proceed with legislation aimed at providing more funding to the TTF until the Commission has completed its work. While we agree that the TTF is in need of sustainable funding sources, we believe that it is too early to decide what those funding sources should be.

There is also concern over imposing taxes on deliveries, as they could harm the most vulnerable Marylanders, including low-income families, elderly and disabled communities, and residents of food deserts who depend on delivery services for access to groceries, medication and more.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments on **HB 1215**.

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