

SALES TAX EXPANSION DEFEATED!

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We heard you! There was an overwhelming response from small business, real estate agents and a wide range of professional services who strongly objected to the proposed tax expansion [HB1628](#). This bill would have reduced the Maryland Sales Tax from 6% to 5%, and add a sales tax to many services including:

Tax Preparation, Pet Sitting, Dry Cleaning, Handy Man Services, Nail Salons, Lawyer services, Car wash, Personal fitness...and the list goes on and on....

This bill was opposed by a wide range of industries, and in a rare bipartisan effort, the Subcommittee's Democrats and Republicans voted "unfavorable" to defeat the legislation without debate. *"Small business can breathe a little relief."*

This bill was introduced late in the Session to fund the recommendations from the Kirwan Commission. Check out my last newsletter for a complete recap of the "Blueprint for Maryland's Future" - the 179-page bill that would cost the Maryland taxpayers an estimated \$4 billion per year for up to 10 years!

Highlights from my last newsletter:

- The **Kirwan Commission Education Recommendations**,
- The **Tax Rate Reduction and Services Legislation** - a \$2.6 billion tax hike,
- The **2002 Legislation/Thornton Commission** provided school systems with the resources necessary to provide every child with an adequate and equitable education, yet the results were insignificant and there was **NO ACCOUNTABILITY!**

Thank you for the phone calls, emails and letters expressing your concern about the proposed tax increases - the largest in Maryland's history. I stand behind Governor Hogan and **WILL NOT SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN ANY TAXES!**

[Kirwan Commission - New Tax Newsletter - February 21, 2020](#)