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The Tech Council of Maryland

The Tech Council of Maryland (TCM) is a non-profit membership organization with more than 500 high technology and biotechnology firms, government laboratories, higher education institutions and business support firms that collectively form Maryland's technology community. TCM and its divisions, the Tech Alliance and MdBio, are committed to providing advocacy in Annapolis on behalf of the region's technology and biotechnology industry sectors.

TCM Advocacy

TCM is a constant presence in Annapolis during the session and throughout the year lobbying on issues important to the technology and biotechnology industries. Advocacy staff also works on the local and federal levels to influence policymakers to make decisions beneficial for the enhancement and growth of technology and biotechnology. TCM members can influence the direction of advocacy efforts through the Government Relations Committee, which is chaired by Jerry Parrott of Human Genome Sciences. The Government Relations Committee provides guidance and leadership to TCM's advocacy efforts during the session and throughout the year. If you have any questions about TCM's advocacy efforts, please contact Brian Levine, TCM Director of Government Relations, at 240-243-4044 or blevine@techcouncilmd.com.

TCM 2008 Policy Platform Top Priorities

- Repeal the 6% sales tax on computer services (**REPEALED!**).
- Support the Biotech Tax Credit and Research and Development Tax Credit as well as economic development partners like the Maryland Technology Development Corporation and the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development.

- Oppose corporate tax changes that disadvantage Maryland's technology and biotechnology companies, most notably combined reporting.
- Support investment in transportation infrastructure with a focus on long-term, stable funding solutions for the Transportation Trust Fund.
- Support a competitive higher education system that meets the needs of tomorrow's knowledge economy workforce.

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Computer Services Sales Tax Repealed!

TCM's top priority during the 2008 session, the repeal of the 6% computer services sales tax, was a great success. This tax, which was set to become effective July 1, 2008, would have had a terrible impact on Maryland's entire business community, but particularly those in the highly mobile and highly competitive computer services industry. This tax would have made Maryland companies uncompetitive with those in surrounding states and would have driven tech companies away from Maryland. However, policymakers heard and heard often and loudly from the tech community in Maryland. Though prospects for repeal looked bleak early in the session, tech advocates finally had their chance to be heard and legislators and the Governor listened. On April 8, one day after the adjournment of the 2008 regular session, Governor Martin O'Malley signed the repeal bill, SB 46, into law. By repealing the computer services sales tax, Maryland tech companies and the business community at large are saved over \$1 billion in taxes over the next five years.

Session a Success for Technology and Biotechnology

While the repeal of the computer services sales tax was by far the biggest issue in Annapolis this year,

TCM's advocacy efforts helped secure other victories for the technology and biotechnology industries.

Biotechnology

It was a good year for the biotechnology industry. Budget victories include \$6 million in funding for the Biotechnology Tax Credit, \$19 million in funding for stem cell research and \$2.4 million for the Nanotechnology Biotechnology Initiative. Legislative victories include passage of bills that improve the Biotechnology Tax Credit, establishment of the Coordinating Emerging Nanobiotechnology Research (CENTR) in Maryland Program as well as defeat of legislation that would have established a prescriber data-sharing program and established an onerous Maryland False Health Claims Act.

Technology

The legislature defeated bills that would have required the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations requiring broadband providers to submit burdensome and far-reaching reports to the Commission on the deployment of broadband services to the public. Budget-wise, \$2 million in funding was approved for the important Enterprise and Challenge investment programs.

Tax Climate

Legislation passed that extends the very valuable Job Creation Tax Credit until 2014. The legislature also passed very important legislation that made favorable changes to the far-reaching corporate reporting requirements passed during the 2007 special session.

Higher Education

The Governor and legislators again funded a tuition freeze at the University System of Maryland for the upcoming year.

Transportation

Although the Maryland General Assembly cut \$50 million from transportation increases passed during the special session, transportation funding will still see an annual increase of \$350 million. Other victories included defeat of legislation that attempted to slow down or derail the construction of the Intercounty Connector.

Computer Services Tax Legislation

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (SB 41)

Crossfile: [HB 253](#)

Sponsor: Senator Harris, et al

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Budget Financing Act (SB 46)

Sponsor: Senator Forehand and Jones

Summary: Repeals the sales tax on computer services. Amendments replace the revenue lost from a tech tax repeal with the following: (1) a three-year, income tax surcharge on Marylanders with adjusted gross incomes of greater than \$1 million; (2) transfers \$50 million a year for five years from the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund; and (3) the requirement that the Governor go before the Board of Public Works with budget cuts of \$50 million from the FY2009 budget. Effective July 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 10.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services – Preexisting Contracts (SB 137)

Sponsor: Senator Brinkley, et al

Summary: Would have provided that the sales tax on computer services does not apply to any computer service provided pursuant to a contract entered into prior to July 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (SB 138)

Sponsor: Senator Brinkley, et al

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services – Government Contracts Exemption (SB 257)

Sponsor: Senator King, et al

Summary: Would have exempted from the sales and use tax computer services used in fulfilling federal or State contracts.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services – Resale Exemption (SB 505)

Crossfile: [HB 313](#)

Sponsor: Senator Brinkley, et al

Summary: Would have altered the definition of "retail sale" under the sales and use tax to exclude "a sale of a computer service if the buyer intends to use the computer service directly and

predominantly in performing a computer service for another person.”

Status: **Final Status:** *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Tax Reduction Act (SB 537)

Sponsor: Senator Pipkin

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services. Would have altered the corporate tax rate, the sales and use tax rate, the cigarette tax rate and repealed various other taxes.

Final Status: *Withdrawn.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Computer Services Tax Repeal and Transportation Funding Act (SB 567)

Sponsor: Senator Garagiola, et al

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services. Alters the distribution of motor fuel tax revenue and sales and use tax revenue and provides for a 4-cent increase in motor fuel tax rates. Establishes the Sales and Use Tax Study Task Force.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

State Individual Income Tax – Surcharge on Higher Incomes (SB 1004)

Sponsor: Senator Jones

Summary: Would have created a 6.0% income tax bracket for single and joint filers with Maryland taxable income between \$750,001 and \$1,000,000. Creates a 6.5% income tax bracket for single and joint filers with Maryland taxable income in excess of \$1,000,001. Higher income tax rates in effect until December 31, 2013.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Support was contingent on this bill being linked to the repeal of the computer services sales tax.

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (SB 1011)

Sponsor: Senator Zirkin, et al

Summary: Would have delayed until July 1, 2009 the effective date of the computer services sales tax. Allows for the repeal of the computer services sales tax if voters approve the November 2008 referendum to allow slots in Maryland.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (HB 187)

Sponsor: Delegate Bates, et al

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (HB 196)

Sponsor: Delegate Pendergrass, et al

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (HB 253)

Crossfile: [SB 41](#)

Sponsor: The Minority Leader, et al

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (HB 281)

Sponsor: Delegate Bohanan, et al

Summary: Would have exempted some federal contracts from the computer services sales tax.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services – Resale Exemption (HB 313)

Crossfile: [SB 505](#)

Sponsor: Delegates Miller and Feldman

Summary: Would have altered the definition of "retail sale" under the sales and use tax to exclude "a sale of a computer service if the buyer intends to use the computer service directly and predominantly in performing a computer service for another person."

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services (HB 326)

Sponsor: Delegate Haddaway, et al

Summary: Would have repealed the sales and use tax on computer services.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services Used in Production Activities and Research and Development (HB 670)

Sponsor: Delegate Barve

Summary: Would have exempted from the sales and use tax the sale of a computer service that is used directly and predominantly in production

activities. Would have exempted from the sales and use tax the sale of a computer service use in research and development.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services Exemption – Internet-Based Publishing Service (HB 1169)

Sponsor: Delegate Barve

Summary: Would have exempted from the sales and use tax computer services used to provide Internet-based publishing services that are delivered exclusively or primarily outside the State.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax – Computer Services - Definition (HB 1183)

Sponsor: Delegate Barve

Summary: Would have exempted from the computer services sales tax a service that enables users to access content or information offered over the Internet, such as access to the Human Genome Database.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Sales and Use Tax on Computer Services and Motor Vehicle Excise Rates (HB 1318)

Sponsor: Delegate Bronrott

Summary: Would have reduced the 6% sales tax on computer services to 3%. Would have replaced revenues that would have gone to the Transportation Trust Fund by increasing the titling tax on the purchase of Class M (Multipurpose) vehicles.

Final Status: *Withdrawn.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Technology Legislation

BRAC Community Enhancement Act (SB 206)

Crossfile: [HB 366](#)

Sponsor: Governor, et al

Summary: Authorizes the creation of BRAC Revitalization and Incentive Zones in Maryland to be administered by the Department of Business and Economic Development. Effective June 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 338.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Reorganization of State Government – Department of Information Technology (SB 212)

Crossfile: [HB 362](#)

Sponsor: Governor

Summary: Creates a Department of Information Technology in Maryland responsible for administering the information technology functions of the Executive Branch. Effective July 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Vetoed by the Governor (duplicative of HB 362, Chapter 9).*

TCM Position: Monitored

Public Service Commission – Broadband Internet Service (SB 515)

Crossfile: [HB 987](#)

Sponsor: Senator Raskin

Summary: Would have required the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations requiring broadband providers to submit onerous and far-reaching reports to the Commission on the deployment of broadband services to the public.

Final Status: *Unfavorable report.*

TCM Position: Opposed

Maryland Small Business Innovation Research Matching Funds Program (SB 680)

Sponsor: Senator Kittleman

Summary: Would have established the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research Matching Funds Program in the Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO). Would have required TEDCO to award matching grants to specified recipients of federal Small Business Innovation Research Program.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Income Tax – Credit for Cellulosic Ethanol Technology Research and Development (HB 140)

Sponsor: Delegate Ross, et al

Summary: Creates in Department of Business and Economic Development a tax credit for cellulosic ethanol technology research and development expenses. Effective July 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 139.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Reorganization of State Government – Department of Information Technology (HB 362)

Crossfile: [SB 212](#)

Sponsor: Governor

Summary: Creates a Department of Information Technology in Maryland responsible for administering the information technology functions of the Executive Branch. Effective July 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 9.*

TCM Position: Monitored

BRAC Community Enhancement Act (HB 366)

Crossfile: [SB 206](#)

Sponsor: Governor, et al

Summary: Would have authorized the creation of BRAC Revitalization and Incentive Zones in Maryland and creates a tax credit program available to businesses in the Zone.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Public Service Commission – Broadband Internet Service (HB 987)

Crossfile: [SB 515](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Taylor, et al

Summary: Would have required the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations requiring broadband providers to submit onerous and far-reaching reports to the Commission on the deployment of broadband services to the public.

Final Status: *Withdrawn.*

TCM Position: Opposed

Information Technology – Public-Private Deployment Initiative (HB 1144)

Sponsor: Delegates Hucker and Feldman

Summary: Would have required the Department of Budget and Management to enlist a public-private partnership, including fostering deployment of high speed Internet service and other telecommunications and information technology services.

Final Status: *Unfavorable report.*

TCM Position: Supported

Biotechnology Legislation

Maryland False Health Claims Act (SB 215)

Sponsor: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Summary: Would have prohibited actions constituting false claims against a State health plan or a State health program.

Final Position: *Failed in Senate 21-25.*

TCM Position: Opposed

Consumer Products Safety – Lead and Mercury Reduction Act (SB 304)

Crossfile: [HB 586](#)

Sponsor: Senator Middleton

Summary: Amended version requires the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to study the current availability and anticipated future availability of single-dose influenza vaccines

for use in the State and evaluate the cost differential between single-dose and multi-dose influenza vaccines. Requires the Commission to report its findings by December 1, 2008. Effective June 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 168.*

TCM Position: Opposed bill before amendments. Monitored bill after amendments.

Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Bioscience Education Center (SB 311)

Crossfile: [HB 334](#)

Sponsor: Senator King, et al

Summary: Would have authorized the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000 with the proceeds to be used as a grant for the planning and design of the Bioscience Education Center located in Germantown.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Joint Technology and Biotechnology Committee – Membership and Duties (SB 683)

Crossfile: [HB 724](#)

Sponsor: Senator Rosapepe

Summary: Would have codified and renamed the Joint Technology Oversight Committee to be the Joint Technology and Biotechnology Committee. Would have altered the Committee's focus to biotechnology and technology matters.

Final Status: *Unfavorable report.*

TCM Position: Supported

Coordinating Emerging Nanobiotechnology Research (CENTR) in Maryland Program (SB 735)

Crossfile: [HB 1409](#)

Sponsor: Senator Miller, et al

Summary: Establishes the Coordinating Emerging Nanobiotechnology Research in Maryland Program (CENTR) and Fund for the purpose of providing grants for nanobiotechnology research projects. Establishes that the program and fund are to be administered by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO). Provides for business assistance for operating and capital grants for the development of nanobiotechnology research and industry that shall be awarded under a competitive process. Effective October 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 445.*

TCM Position: Supported

Maryland False Health Claims Act (SB 845)**Crossfile:** [HB 292](#)**Sponsor:** Senator Lenett**Summary:** Would have prohibited actions constituting false claims against a State health plan or a State health program.**Final Status:** *Did not pass.***TCM Position:** Opposed**Higher Education – Maryland Biotechnology Scholarship Program (SB 888)****Crossfile:** [HB 1430](#)**Sponsor:** Senator Lenett, et al**Summary:** Would have established the Maryland Biotechnology Scholarship Program for students pursuing a career in a biotechnology-related field. Would have authorized the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make scholarship awards for Maryland students who demonstrate outstanding potential and pledge to pursue a career in a biotechnology-related field.**Final Status:** *Did not pass.***TCM Position:** Supported**Prescription Drugs – Marketing or Promotion – Use of Prescriber Identifying Information (HB 50)****Sponsor:** Delegate Montgomery**Summary:** Would have required the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with health occupation licensing boards, to establish a prescriber data-sharing program.**Final Status:** *Withdrawn.***TCM Position:** Opposed**Maryland False Health Claims Act (HB 292)****Crossfile:** [SB 845](#)**Sponsor:** Delegate Smigiel, et al**Summary:** Would have prohibited actions constituting false claims against a State health plan or a State health program.**Final Status:** *Withdrawn.***TCM Position:** Opposed**Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Bioscience Education Center (HB 334)****Crossfile:** [SB 311](#)**Sponsor:** Delegate Barkley, et al**Summary:** Would have authorized the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000 with the proceeds to be used as a grant for the planning and design of the Bioscience Education Center located in Germantown.**Final Status:** *Unfavorable report.***TCM Position:** Monitored**Statewide Advisory Committee on Immunizations – Influenza Vaccines – Study (HB 586)****Crossfile:** [SB 304](#)**Sponsor:** Delegates Kullen & Kipke**Summary:** Amended version requires the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations to study the current availability and anticipated future availability of single-dose influenza vaccines for use in the State and evaluate the cost differential between single-dose and multi-dose influenza vaccines. Requires the Commission to report its findings by December 1, 2008. Effective June 1, 2008.**Final Status:** *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 169.***TCM Position:** Opposed bill before amendments. Monitored bill after amendments.**Business and Economic Development – Biotechnology Investment Incentive Act (HB 723)****Sponsor:** Department of Business and Economic Development**Summary:** Makes administrative changes to the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Act. Redefines "qualified investor," "qualified Maryland biotechnology company," and "investment." Caps the amount of tax credit available for investments. Allows for a qualified investor to qualify for up to \$250,000 of tax credit. Corrects and clarifies requirements in the application and approval process. Clarifies DBED's authority to adopt regulations regarding criteria and procedures for application for, approval of, and monitoring continuing eligibility for, the credits. Effective July 1, 2008.**Status:** *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 518.***TCM Position:** Supported**Joint Technology and Biotechnology Committee – Membership and Duties (HB 724)****Crossfile:** [SB 683](#)**Sponsor:** Delegate Feldman, et al**Summary:** Would have codified and renamed the Joint Technology Oversight Committee to be the Joint Technology and Biotechnology Committee. Would have altered the Committee's focus to biotechnology and technology matters.**Final Status:** *Did not pass.***TCM Position:** Supported

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council – Chronic Care Management Plan ([HB 1395](#))

Sponsor: Delegate Tarrant, et al

Summary: Amended version requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council to study chronic care management and develop a chronic care management plan. The original version of this bill would have created the Task Force on Chronic Care and Prevention. Effective June 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 693.*

TCM Position: Supported

Coordinating Emerging Nanobiotechnology Research (CENTR) in Maryland Program ([HB 1409](#))

Crossfile: [SB 735](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Mizeur, et al

Summary: Establishes the Coordinating Emerging Nanobiotechnology Research in Maryland Program (CENTR) and Fund for the purpose of providing grants for nanobiotechnology research projects. Establishes that the program and fund are to be administered by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO). Provides for business assistance for operating and capital grants for the development of nanobiotechnology research and industry that shall be awarded under a competitive process. Effective October 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 446.*

TCM Position: Supported

Higher Education – Maryland Biotechnology Scholarship Program ([HB 1430](#))

Crossfile: [SB 888](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Manno, et al

Summary: Would have established the Maryland Biotechnology Scholarship Program for students pursuing a career in a biotechnology-related field. Would have authorized the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make scholarship awards for Maryland students who demonstrate outstanding potential and pledge to pursue a career in a biotechnology-related field.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Supported

Summary: Would have required Maryland to provide general fund support for the University System of Maryland and Morgan State University to achieve 100% of the Maryland Higher Education Commission funding guidelines by fiscal year 2014.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education – Membership and Extension of Sunset ([HB 133](#))

Sponsor: Delegate Bohanan

Summary: Adds the Lieutenant Governor to the Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education. Extends the Commission to June 1, 2009 and requires a final report due by December 1, 2008. Effective April 8, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 45.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Higher Education – Maryland Truth in Tuition Act ([HB 1388](#))

Sponsor: Delegate Mizeur, et al

Summary: Would have required a governing board to develop, on or before July 1, 2009, a long-term tuition plan for a public senior higher education institution. Would have provided that the purpose of the long-term tuition plan is to ensure that students of higher education institutions are informed of the tuition that will be charged for four academic years of enrollment.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Tuition Cap and College Opportunity Act of 2008 ([HB 1501](#))

Crossfile: [SB 623](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Griffith, et al

Summary: Would have required Maryland to provide general fund support for the University System of Maryland and Morgan State University to achieve 100% of the Maryland Higher Education Commission funding guidelines by fiscal year 2014.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Higher Education Legislation

Tuition Cap and College Opportunity Act of 2008 ([SB 623](#))

Crossfile: [HB 1501](#)

Sponsor: Senator Rosapepe, et al

Transportation Legislation

State Report on Transportation – Mass Transit – Requirement ([HB 78](#))

Sponsor: Delegate Holmes

Summary: Would have required the State Department of Transportation to include in the Consolidated Transportation Program the projected mass transit needs of the State and a list of any

mass transit projects planned. Would have required the Department to include a 20-year forecast of the State's transportation needs.

Final Status: *Withdrawn.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Maryland Transit Administration – Transit-Oriented Development (SB 204)

Crossfile: [HB 373](#)

Sponsor: Governor, et al

Summary: Establishes that transit-oriented development of property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for transportation attainment. Defines “transit-oriented development” as a mix of private or public uses that is part of a deliberate development strategy involving property that is located within one-half mile of a transit station that maximizes the use of transit, walking and bicycling. Effective October 8, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 122.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Maryland Transit Administration – Transit-Oriented Development (HB 373)

Crossfile: [SB 204](#)

Sponsor: Governor, et al

Summary: Establishes that transit-oriented development of property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for transportation attainment. Defines “transit-oriented development” as a mix of private or public uses that is part of a deliberate development strategy involving property that is located within one-half mile of a transit station that maximizes the use of transit, walking and bicycling. Effective October 8, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 123.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act (HB 1128)

Sponsor: Krebs, et al

Summary: Would have prohibited the transfer or diversion of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund except under specified circumstances. Requires the enactment of legislation providing for a repayment plan before funds are transferred or diverted from the Transportation Trust Fund.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Intercountry Connector – Impact on Global Warming – Study (HB 1416)

Sponsor: Stein, et al

Summary: Would have required the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of the Environment to conduct a study on the impact the Intercountry Connector project could have on greenhouse gas emissions.

Final Status: *Unfavorable report.*

TCM Position: Opposed

Transportation – Intercountry Connector – Elimination of Funding (HB 1471)

Sponsor: Frush, et al

Summary: Would have prohibited the State Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority from financing the Intercountry Connector.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Opposed

Intercountry Connector – Public Health Impacts from Air Pollution – Assessment (HB 1595)

Sponsor: Mizeur, et al

Summary: Would have prohibited the Maryland Transportation Authority from expending funds for the Intercountry Connector until an assessment is completed regarding the public health impact from air pollution. Would have required the Department of Transportation and the Department of the Environment jointly to create models and to quantify emissions, impacts and risks.

Final Status: *Unfavorable report.*

TCM Position: Opposed

Tax Climate Legislation

Corporate Income Tax – Reporting and Study (SB 444)

Crossfile: [HB 664](#)

Sponsor: Senator King, et al

Summary: Alters onerous existing corporate reporting requirements. Alters some onerous corporate reporting requirements as enacted by Chapter 3 of the 2007 special session. Mandates reporting requirements only if a corporation is a member of a corporate group that is required to file a State corporate income tax return. Requires corporations to file: (1) a pro-forma water's edge combined corporate income tax; and (2) information on the State income tax impacts of a single sales factor, an imposition of a throwback rule and income apportioned to other states that might otherwise be taxed by Maryland. Increases the membership of the Maryland Business Tax Return Commission from 17 to 19. Terminates the reporting requirements January 1, 2011. Effective July 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 177.*

TCM Position: Supported

Corporate Income Tax – Reporting and Study (HB 664)

Crossfile: [SB 444](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Barve, et al

Summary: Alters onerous existing corporate reporting requirements. Alters some onerous corporate reporting requirements as enacted by Chapter 3 of the 2007 special session. Mandates reporting requirements only if a corporation is a member of a corporate group that is required to file a State corporate income tax return. Requires corporations to file: (1) a pro-forma water's edge combined corporate income tax; and (2) information on the State income tax impacts of a single sales factor, an imposition of a throwback rule and income apportioned to other states that might otherwise be taxed by Maryland. Increases the membership of the Maryland Business Tax Return Commission from 17 to 19. Terminates the reporting requirements January 1, 2011. Effective July 1, 2008.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 178.*

TCM Position: Supported

Job Creation Tax Credit – Termination Provisions (HB 721)

Sponsor: Department of Business and Economic Development

Summary: Extends the Job Creation Tax Credit program sunset date to January 1, 2014.

Final Status: *Passed. Signed by the Governor – Chapter 517.*

TCM Position: Supported

Workforce Legislation

Tax Credit for Employer-Established Work-Based Learning Programs (SB 776)

Sponsor: Senator Jones

Summary: Would have authorized the establishment of approved paid work-based learning programs under which arrangements would have been made to provide structured employer-supervised learning as well as a tax credits for wages paid under an approved paid work-based learning program.

Final Status: *Did not pass.*

TCM Position: Monitored

Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants – Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Related Businesses (HB 176)

Sponsor: Delegate Aumann, et al

Summary: Would have made students who pledged to work for Base Realignment and Closure

(BRAC)-related businesses in the fields of mathematics, science, technology or languages eligible for workforce shortage student assistance grants.

Final Status: *Withdrawn.*

TCM Position: Monitored

TCM FY2009 Budget Priorities

Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) – TCM supported fully funding DBED's FY2009 budget request. *Final status – funded at \$132,928,446 million.*

Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) – TCM supported fully funding TEDCO's FY2009 budget request. *Final status – funded at \$4.792 million.*

Stem Cell Research – TCM supported fully funding the \$23 million FY2009 budget request for stem cell research funding. *Final status – funded at \$19 million.*

Biotech Tax Credit – TCM supported fully funding the \$6 million FY2009 budget request for the Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit Reserve Fund. *Final status – funded at \$6 million.*

Nanotechnology Biotechnology Initiative – TCM supported fully funding the \$2.4 million FY2009 budget request for the Nanotechnology Biotechnology Initiative. *Final status – funded at \$2.4 million.*

Enterprise and Challenge Investment Programs – TCM supported fully funding the \$2 million FY2009 budget request for the Enterprise and Challenge Investment Funds. *Final status – funded at \$2 million.*

East Baltimore Biotechnology Park – TCM supported fully funding the \$5 million FY2009 budget request to continue development of the East Baltimore Biotechnology Park. *Final status – funded at \$5 million.*