

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
MARYLAND FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS – STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

I have read your letter and if elected I will sponsor (or cosponsor) legislation to:

Issue #1 Restore Itemized Deductions on Maryland Tax Return.

Maryland taxpayers who use the standard deduction on their federal tax return cannot itemize deductions on their Maryland tax returns. Taxpayers who usually itemize deduction on their Maryland returns and use the new increased standard deduction on their federal returns could see their Maryland state and local taxes increase by many hundreds of dollars.

Proposal: Permit Maryland taxpayers to itemize deductions whether or not they use the standard deduction on their federal tax returns.

Yes No

Issue #2 Implement Further State Income Tax Relief for Seniors

In 2022, the Maryland General Assembly passed a modest tax relief measures for seniors in Maryland. We are still behind a number of states do not impose state income tax on retirement income. Many states recognize the value of seniors to the economy and social fabric of their states by offering tax incentives to encourage seniors to remain in the state and spend this extra income in the state and local economy. Maryland tax law must change to give our retired seniors more tax relief

Proposal: Increase the 2002 retirement income tax credit to more robust amounts and commit to future elimination of all state income tax on retirement income.

Yes No

Issue # 3 Promote Long Term Care (LTC) Insurance to Reduce Maryland's Medicaid Burden

Maryland's Medicaid costs are well above the national average. A large portion of Maryland's Medicaid funds pay for treatment and cognitive care for an aging population, many of whom will sadly require this care and believe Medicaid will fully pay for their LTC needs. Rising operational costs have caused LTC insurance vendors to leave Maryland, increasing policy premiums which makes LTC insurance less attractive to new buyers and more difficult for current policy holders to retain LTC insurance. We need a tax credit for persons who purchased underpriced LTC insurance in earlier years (before 2005) to help them keep their increasingly more costly insurance. Additionally, incentives to encourage the purchase of LTC insurance now by younger persons should be viewed as an investment in easing the burden on Maryland's Medicaid resources, which currently constitute a quarter of our state's budget.

Proposal: Provide a tax credit to persons who purchased underpriced LTC insurance before 2005 to help them retain the insurance, and for younger persons, replace the current \$500 one-time tax credit for the original purchase of LTC insurance with a prospective annual \$500 tax credit for those who retain their insurance.

Yes No

PLEASE SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS BY E-MAIL REPLY NO LATER THAN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 .

You can also provide any comments you wish to make on our proposals.

We will post all answers received on the website of the Maryland NARFE State Legislative Committee, and we will also show all candidates who fail to respond.