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(Senate Joint Resolution No. 21)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

The Commuter Tax on Maryland Citizens

FOR the purpose of urging the Congress of the United States to reject any effort by the District of Columbia to impose a commuter tax on Maryland citizens.

This Body has recently become aware of the attempt by the District of Columbia City Council to impose a commuter tax on Maryland citizens who work in the District. This Body looks with disfavor upon such an attempt.

Thousands of Maryland citizens each day cross the District of Columbia line to work in our Nation's capital with the Federal government and with private enterprise. They contribute to the economy of the District of Columbia by their conducting business there and by the money they spend while they are in the District. Furthermore, if they drive in by their own automobile and park in a District of Columbia parking lot, they contribute to the Treasury of the District by the parking tax. Therefore, it is clear that the Maryland citizens who work in the District of Columbia pay their fair share of the load through their financial contribution.

Any attempt to impose an additional tax on these citizens of this State, would be an unfair imposition and Congress should and must reject any attempt by the City Council to do so; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Congress of the United States is urged to reject any effort and attempt by the City Council of the District of Columbia to impose a commuter tax on Maryland citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and J. Glenn Beall, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510; and Members of the House of Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Paul S. Sarbanes, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Godloe E. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell and Gilbert Gude, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

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