

Media Advisory

Comptroller Lierman to Outline Legislative Agenda

Comptroller's bills would modernize the state's financial systems, create the Office of Taxpayer Advocate and provide tax parity for delayed unemployment payments

WHO: **Comptroller Brooke Lierman**
Robin McKinney, MSW – Co-Founder and CEO of the CASH Campaign of Maryland
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WHAT: Comptroller Brooke Lierman and policy stakeholders will discuss her legislative agenda in a press conference Tuesday afternoon in the Assembly Room of the Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building.

Comptroller Lierman will give a brief overview of the three proposed bills joined by guests explaining the bills' impact on Maryland taxpayers. Other guests include Beverly Winstead of IRS Help Attorneys, Tammy Bresnahan of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and Stacey Mink of The Impact Project.

The Comptroller's legislative priorities include:

Comptroller - Modernization of State Financial Systems - Report HB709 / SB659

Brought by the Comptroller in partnership with the Treasurer and

Secretary of Budget & Management, this legislation will create a directive to investigate, adopt, and implement a new general accounting system for the entire state government.

The Supporting All Taxpayers Act of 2023 HB707 / SB660
Establishes an Office of the State Taxpayer Advocate within the Comptroller's Office and provides at least six staff members to assist Marylanders with timely resolutions to tax issues.

Tax Parity for Delayed Unemployment Insurance Payments HB708 / SB661
Establishes a rebate program to refund the taxes withheld from or paid as a result of UI payments received in 2022 to bring the recipients into parity with other taxpayers whose benefits were both earned and paid during the timeframe envisioned by the RELIEF Act.

WHEN: **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**
12:45 p.m.

WHERE: Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building
Assembly Room
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