

SUGGESTED LETTER ON SB 107 & HB 91 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
FUND

January 26, 2010

The Honorable < Senator/ Delegate>

Dear < Senator/Delegate:>

I/ we support the fact that stabilizing Maryland's unemployment system is crucial to our employees, the state's economy and our/my Company. I/we appreciate your focus on this important issue. However I/we believe that the Administration's unemployment insurance "modernization" bill is not in our best interest or that of the Maryland's business community. As a Maryland employer, I urge you to oppose SB 107.

While I/we support the opportunity for payment plan options I/we believe that the long-term liabilities of increased benefit eligibility and related increased costs strongly outweigh the short-term impact of taking the federal stimulus funds.

Deferring unemployment insurance tax increases sounds appealing, but in the long run this proposal would weaken the unemployment insurance system and ensure that we pay higher more inequitable rates for a longer period of time.

Thank you for your consideration, please oppose SB 107.

Sincerely,