HB 2385 Proponent testimony – written only House Taxation Committee 3.9 percent income tax James Franko – VP / Policy Director March 20, 2017



Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2385, which would place a flat 3.9 percent state income tax rate on taxable income effective with the 2018 tax year.

While a Fiscal Note was not available as this testimony was written, we understand that individual income taxes would decline by roughly \$180 million per year. Our support is predicated upon such representation, although we do have concerns about those with taxable income below \$15,000, who currently pay 2.7 percent. We would be supportive of an amendment to exempt the first \$15,000 of taxable income for all residents so that no one's tax would increase.

Thank you for your consideration.