

City Council Committee of the Whole

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Tax Bill Testimony: Bill 230149 (BIRT) and Bill 230147 (Wage Tax)

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Good morning, Council President Clarke and members of City Council. My name is Rob Dubow, Finance Director, and I am joined by Revenue Commissioner Frank Breslin. I am here to testify in support of Bills 230149 and 230147. These two tax bills lower the rates of the resident portion of the Wage and Net Profits Taxes and the net income portion of the Business Income and Receipts Tax (BIRT).

The changes in these two bills will combine to reduce the amount of tax due from businesses and workers by \$28.2 million in FY24, with \$13.7 million in tax relief for employees and \$14.5 million in tax relief for businesses. Over the course of the Five-Year Plan, these reductions will total \$151.3 million.

These taxes are already at their lowest rates in decades and these further reductions will continue to promote a fairer tax structure for residents and businesses. The rates will make Philadelphia a more attractive place for residents and employers.

Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for these bills. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.