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DATE: 4/26/2019
TO: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
FROM: Sherry Albert, Chief Operating Officer, Community Solutions, Inc. 
RE: RAISED BILL NO. 1137 AN ACT CONCERNING DEPOSITS IN LIEU OF TAXES.
POSITION: TESTIMONY

Good morning Vice Chair, State Representative Mr. Concepcion and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

My name is Sherry Albert and I am the Chief Operating Officer for Community solutions, Inc. (CSI). I have been working in the non-profit industry for thirty-three (33) years. We are the largest provider of residential services for the Department of Correction and the largest provider of Alternative In the Community (AIC) services for the Court Support Services Division, with approximately 4,500 clients served.

We stand in opposition to SB 1137, as a non-profit community service agency who is subject to level funding to support the clients we serve. For tax exempt organizations such as ours, to be charged tax will result in the following outcomes:

- Reduction of funds available to maintain proper staffing in our programs.
- Less services will be available.
- The positive impact we have had on recidivism will be compromised.
- Program services will be reduced, resulting in fewer client successes.

The Non-profit sector already faces many challenges in staff retention due to a low minimum wage. Adding another monetary factor will be detrimental to the progress and success of our staff and the population we serve.

We urge the Committee to not pass S.B. 1137.