

Media Advisory

Franchot to Promote Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week Today in Fells Point

Scholarship contest ongoing for students attending Maryland universities, community colleges and trade schools

WHO: Comptroller Peter Franchot

WHAT: Comptroller Franchot will visit Fells Point Surf Company this morning for a press conference to promote the ongoing Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week, which runs through Saturday, August 14. The business, owned by Ali Schuch, has brought beach vibes to Baltimore since 2003, with a wide selection of stylish, affordable fashion and top-notch customer service.

During the week, any single [qualifying article of clothing or footwear](#) priced **\$100** or less – regardless of how many items are purchased in the same transaction – will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax. The first \$40 of any backpack purchase is also tax free.

Once again, the Comptroller's Office is partnering with the Maryland Retailers Association (MRA) to again offer scholarships to two students attending a Maryland university, college or trade school, with a \$1,000 award for first place and a \$500 prize for second place.

To enter, students must email a creative photo or video (less than 60 seconds) promoting tax-free week, showcasing their purchases and their support of Maryland retailers to SHOPMDTAXFREE@marylandtaxes.gov. Entries also should be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or TikTok using the hashtag **#shopmdtaxfree**. For best consideration, submissions should display and tag the name of the retailer and explain why it's

their favorite place to shop tax free. Deadline for submission is Aug. 15.

WHEN: **TODAY, August 9, 2021**

WHERE: **11 a.m.**
Fells Point Surf Co.
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