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TO: ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRCTORS
RE: H.B. 204- DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES- FILING FEE EXEMPTION AND
STUDY
POSITION: SUPPORT

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) supports H.B. 204 which is before you today for consideration. The bill requires the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to waive the annual corporate filing fee for the first three years that a business entity is certified under the federal (DBE) Program or a veteran-owned small business enterprise (VOSBE).

The bill also calls for a study by SDAT to review filing fees in other states that are similar to filing fees in Maryland and report back to the General Assembly with additional recommendations as needed.

On behalf of the over 1,500 corporate members of ABC, we recommend a favorable report on H.B. 204.

Thank you.

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