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Working to enhance the economic prosperity of greater Silver Spring through robust promotion of our member businesses and unrelenting advocacy on their behalf.

SB43 – Licensing – Fingerprint Requirement

**Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
January 22, 2020**

SUPPORT

On behalf of the more than 400 member businesses in the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce that provide more than 17,000 jobs in the Montgomery County and surrounding areas in Maryland, I write to support SB43, which would relieve applicants for certain licenses of the requirement to submit a set of fingerprints with the application if the applicant has submitted fingerprints for a prior license application in the State.

This is a simple, common sense bill that will save time and money for businesspeople who require a license in the state. A person's fingerprints don't change, so once they are on file with the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, they should be available for any license renewal.

The largest beneficiary of this bill will likely be small companies in businesses that require employees to be licensed by the State. These employees, or their employers, will not have to get a new set of fingerprints as a part of their license renewals if their fingerprints are already on file. This will save both time and money.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report on SB43, and thank you for your consideration.