



## **MD SB477 Public Health Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epi-Pen Finance Hearing February 28, 2020**

### **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF OCEAN 13**

On behalf of Ocean 13, I am writing in support of the MD SB477 Public Health Emergency Use Auto Injectable Epinephrine Program. As the owner of a restaurant, and having worked in the industry for decades, it is my belief that having an epi-pen onsite is the greatest option in best serving the needs of our patrons. With the growing number of allergies among the general public, and the potential lack of communication between guests and staff members, many lives could be saved by making the epi-pen more readily available for persons experiencing anaphylaxis when emergency services are not immediately available.

In support of this bill, it is essential to provide adequate knowledge and training on the administration of the epi-pen. It is also imperative that the businesses, and their employees, are provided with immunity from civil liability, as noted in the current language. Ocean 13 respectfully requests your support to MD SB477. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you, kindly.

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