



February 11, 2021

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chairperson
Senate Finance Committee

**Re: Senate Bill 486 – Labor and Employment – Employment Standards During and Emergency
(Maryland Essential Workers’ Protection Act)**

Position: *Oppose*

Chairwoman Kelley & Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Destination Marketing Organizations to express our *opposition* to Senate Bill 486 – Labor and Employment – Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers’ Protection Act). This bill, as written, would further financially strain all essential businesses across Maryland by establishing overly burdensome employment standards for essential workers during an emergency.

Since the start of the COVID19 pandemic, businesses across Maryland have been struggling to keep their doors open and employees on payroll. By requiring businesses to make costly upgrades and to overextend financial resources, we will continue to see hotels, restaurants, and other iconic destinations throughout the state shut their doors.

We respectfully request an *unfavorable* report of Senate Bill 486, which shows your dedicated support to the entire business community already hard hit by this pandemic. Thank you for your kind consideration and attention to this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Pizzuto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Pizzuto
Maryland Destination Marketing Organizations