



Feb. 2, 2021

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 612, "Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act" - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Kaiser and members of the Committee:

The Maryland Association of CPAs represents nearly 9,000 Certified Public Accountants throughout the state. These CPAs work in public practice, private industry, government, non-profit, and education. During this extraordinary time, CPAs continue to support the state's economy and deliver essential services and objective advice to individuals and small employers struggling with financial economic uncertainty.

As we move into 2021 and the COVID-19 pandemic continues, small businesses face continued economic uncertainty and pressure. The additional relief and support offered in HB 612 are desperately needed. We understand there is no easy fix to the complex issues we face, but we ask you to support additional assistance, to help restore and create jobs.

The need to incentivize the start-up of consumer purchases is critical for the economy's long-term health. The sooner and faster, the better. HB 612 offers measures of economic relief that could help ease the financial burden to Maryland citizens and businesses alike.

We respectfully ask for a favorable opinion for HB 612 to provide support and funding to help position Marylanders for success as we begin to rebuild.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Thomas Hood III', is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

J. Thomas Hood III, CPA  
Chair, MACPA Legislative Advisory Committee

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