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## THE SENATE OF MARYLAND Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Re: SB644

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

I write to ask for your support for SB644. The goal of this bill is to study the idea of providing an opportunity for small businesses to thrive in this economic climate through HUB zones. HUB zones are historically under-utilized business zones. The state and government departments would work to achieve a certain percentage of contracts for business that are in these zones with the goal to help underprivileged businesses in our state. I think this would be a great opportunity for our businesses, constituents, and state as we continue to recover from this pandemic.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report.

Thank you, Senator Johnny Ray Salling