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February 13, 2024

To: Health and Government Operations Committee Chair, Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, and Committee Members

From: Michael Galiazzo, Ph.D., President, Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland

Re: Favorable HB0827 - Maryland Insurance Administration – Professional Employer Organizations – Study

On behalf of the private sector members of the Reginal Manufacturing Institute of Maryland, I am writing to support HB0827. Most Maryland manufacturing companies are small to medium-sized, including women and minority-owned manufacturing. Manufacturing is an economic engine that brings work, wages, and wealth to Marylanders. This study, proposed by Delegate Qi, will allow for an objective assessment of the current conditions facing the entire small group market in the State. Hopefully, this study will make recommendations to improve Maryland's economic competitiveness and create wealth.

Thank you for your consideration.