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TO: House Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: NFIB – Maryland

DATE: March 12, 2024

RE: **SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 122** – General Provisions – Commemorative Month – Small Business Month

Founded in 1943, NFIB is the voice of small business, advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. With more than 250,000 members nationwide, and nearly 4,000 here in Maryland, we work to protect and promote the ability of our members to grow and operate their business.

On behalf of Maryland's small businesses, NFIB-Maryland supports House Bill 122 – legislation designating the month of Mary as Small Business Month.

Collectively, Maryland small businesses represent the overwhelming majority of employers in the state. They employ more than 1.2 million Marylanders and pump millions of dollars into their local economies.

NFIB members can be found in every sector and industry in our state – family farms, small manufacturers, Main Street retailers, and more. Our members are the backbone of Maryland's economy.

For these reasons **NFIB supports HB122** and requests a favorable committee report.