

MARYLAND RETAILERS ALLIANCE

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HB455 Comptroller - Electronic Tax and Fee Return Filing Requirements Ways and Means Committee February 8th, 2024

Position: Favorable with Amendments

Background: HB455 would require certain fees and tax returns to be filed electronically.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Alliance, on behalf of the businesses operating in the over forty Main Street communities in Maryland, would respectfully proffer amendment language to HB455 to address potential hardships for businesses. We greatly appreciate the electronic filing exemption businesses with fewer than fifteen employees and believe that this does capture many of the small and independent businesses operating in Maryland. We would recommend that the Committee consider also adding language allowing an exemption for businesses above the fourteen-employee threshold if the business can prove that filing their income tax electronically would cause hardship not faced by other similar businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.