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### **HB1218 Bill – Zoom Group LLC**

My name is Mansoor Anvari I have been operating multiple businesses in Maryland for the last 29 years. I have employed many people over the years. I am opposed to the HB 1218 bill that would take away our inside lottery sales and move the games to online. The following is a list of some of my locations.

Waterloo Exxon-7930 Washington Blvd, Jessup, Md 20794 (10 employees)

Lyndwood Exxon- 6070 Marshalee Dr, Elkridge, Md 21075 (6 employees)

Johns Hopkins Exxon- 7570 Montpelier Rd, Laurel 20723 (15 employees)

Columbia Liberty- 6425 Dobbin Center way, Columbia, Md 21045 (6 employees)

Gude Drive Liberty- 1298 E Gude Drive, Rockville, Md 20850 (10 employees)

Jessup Bp- 8810 Washington Blvd, Jessup, Md 20794 (6 employees)

Middletown shell-4304 Old national Pike, Middletown, Md 21769

Shell Food Mart- 5707 Cherrywood Ln, Greenbelt, Md 20770

Landover Hills Exxon- 6579 Annapolis Rd, Landover, Md 20784

Airpark Bp- 19230 Woodfield Rd, Gaithersburg, Md 20879

Spring Ridge Exxon- 6067 Spring Ridge Parkway, Frederick, Md 21701

The proposed bill HB1218 has many impacts that would be affecting my businesses and many other businesses if this bill were to pass. A lot of the foot traffic within my stores and other small businesses would drastically be reduced. This would lower our sales in my stores astronomically. With the stores we have, the size ranges of products and goods such as food, drinks, etc., the financial aspects of just losing the regular customers coming in buying lottery tickets in the store would be detrimental to paying our bills and our employees. With the minimum wages for employees going up every couple of months, which is at \$15 right now and the state trying to cut our lottery commission, small businesses are slowly becoming non-existent. As of right now, small businesses "the backbone" of America is becoming unrecognizable with these changes the State of Maryland are trying to place on us.

The State of Maryland should show all small businesses the real Maryland pride and appreciation by backing the small businesses, not tearing us down. With the whole U.S. being in a bad economic state with inflation, we need to work together as a state and not take down any business but instead support "the backbone" of the U.S. I am opposed to HB1218 because I am a small business owner and the financial impacts to our business are too high for me to support.

My hope is that you take into consideration my points about the effects on our business' and not approve this bill.

Thank you.

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