



**The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

**TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF
THE GREATER OCEAN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

IN SUPPORT OF

SB403 Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Agricultural Stands

BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 20, 2020

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 900 regional, seasonal businesses and job creators, strongly supports **SB 403** Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Agricultural Stands.

This bill will establish an exemption from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law for an individual employed at an agricultural stand that primarily sells at retail perishable or seasonal fresh fruits, vegetables, or horticultural commodities that the employer has produced. Since agriculture has already been exempted, this was extending the law to the produce stands and farmers markets where the products are sold, an extension of the farm operations and scope.

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Membership respectfully requests a Favorable Report for **SB 403** Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Agricultural Stands. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the position of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce at 410-213-0144 ext 102.

Sincerely,

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