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Maryland House Economic Matters Committee
Annapolis MD

Re: Opposition to HB 581

Dear Chairman Davis and committee members:

I am opposed to HB 581. During a Global Pandemic is not the time to implement new, costly, and complex employer mandates.

I am a third generation, owner operator, of Callahan's Gas inc. I also operate my town's only laundry and manage over 30 of our own rental units. I employ 14 people.

A bill that mandates drastic changes to leave policies, dictates increased pay rates, and requires employers to provide certain types of financial assistance could have dire consequences. This bill threatens my businesses and jeopardizes my ability to employ 14 people.

It's hard enough to run a business during a pandemic. Invoking new, costly, and complex mandates is not the answer. Vote no to HB 581.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Callahan', with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark Callahan
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