



Bill: SB 107- Labor and Employment- Secure Maryland Wage Act

Position: OPPOSE

Committee: Senate Finance

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Rudich and I am Director of Operations for Silver Diner at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. Silver Diner is a Maryland based company, and for over 30 years has served the Maryland community.

We are vehemently opposed to including restaurants in the SB 107 proposed bill on two grounds.

1. Restaurant workers do not perform any security related functions. We are solely in business to serve food, and we leave the security to the professionals. We only go as far as “See something, say something” which is the responsibility of all Maryland residents. It would be unfair to include us with the professionals whose job it is to secure the airport.
2. Due to the Covid 19 global pandemic, restaurants are being subjected to draconian cut backs, and are barely able to stay in business. Right now, we are only able to operate at 25% capacity. We have been losing money for close to a year now, and are barely staying in business. On top of this, the airline industry is in a dramatic freefall, and is not expected to recover for another 3-4 years. To expect us to now have to pay a higher minimum wage, would definitely put us on the verge of going out of business, and therefore create hardship for all involved, including our employees.

For these reasons, Silver Diner respectfully requests an unfavorable vote on SB 107.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

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