

## **CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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February 26, 2021

The Honorable Delegate Dereck E. Davis, Chair **Economic Matters Committee** Room 231 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB1326 - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Revisions and Public Health Emergency

Delegate Davis,

The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County opposes HB1326, because now is not the time to implement a costly employer mandate as businesses struggle to overcome a global pandemic. We are very concerned that the implementation of this legislation will result in additional costs and administrative burden to employers, especially small businesses and non-profits, at a time when they can least afford it.

A period of major economic downturn and future uncertainty is not the time to implement new employer mandates that stand to negatively impact businesses that are struggling to overcome the impact of the pandemic.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, ext. 2202, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, ext. 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Earl F. Hance, President

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cc: Calvert County Senators and Calvert County Delegation