



**TESTIMONY FOR HB1199
WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS –
COVID–19**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Valderrama

Committee: Economic Matters

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1199 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Our members support the expansion of worker's compensation for those essential workers who contracted COVID-19 while at (they experienced symptoms within 14 days of working). We feel that if they were required to put themselves at risk that they should be able to claim worker's compensation if they become sick.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports this bill and we recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in Committee.