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**Dear SHANE E. PENDERGRASS**  
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Dear Chairman Pendergrass,

RE: TESTIMONY ON THE HB17 BILL

This letter is written in support of HB17 legislative proposal for submission to written testimony during today's hearing. This bill is imperative because prolonged un-reviewed limits placed upon people in Maryland, especially businesses as of the result un-check Gubernatorial emergency orders, many based on the health Article in Law, that have continued without legislative review for now nearly a year. A procedure needs to be put in place for Legislative review and I believe HB 17 provides a splendid framework for this urgently needed peer review. I am pressing for your favorable vote and a favorable report of the this bill to the full house floor for the following reasons:

1. A limiting is needed of existing emergency powers of the governor which provide meaningful General Assembly advice and consent. The governor should not have prolonged emergency powers that violate fundamental rights and State and municipal laws.
2. This law compels the executive to work with law makers with a 14 days trigger before our other law makers have a look at Executive orders.
3. This act prescribes the time and manner that the General Assembly must convene in special session if not in regular session to provide this needed advise and consent.
4. HB 17 Changes penalties from criminal to civil and reduces fines and penalties from not exceeding one-year imprisonment and a fine of \$5000 to \$50 because notice is needed not immediate fines.
5. Also shouldn't an emergency order issued under this title apply to members of the General Assembly or the Maryland Judiciary?
6. Limitations on business or other private property owners, church and schools shall be "narrowly tailored to meet the exigencies of the public emergency if this bill gets to the floor of the House of Delegates.

I applaud Delegate Dan Cox for hearing the cries of many local Citizens and drafting and filing this needed bill so we have the ability to contact our Delegates and Senators here in Maryland if and when it's time for relief and/or review of Executive orders that have either harmed us or need to be revised. Please vote for HB17 and encourage other members to include the legislators to protect our health and Safety as outlined in HB17.

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*Donald C Frazier Thank you!*

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