



**The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

**TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF
THE GREATER OCEAN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

IN SUPPORT OF:
HB0508 - COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity

Before the:
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
House Judiciary Committee – 02/03/21 @ 1:30 PM

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 900 regional businesses and job creators, **strongly supports House Bill 0508 – COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity**. The bill provides civil immunity from liability for certain COVID-19 claims to those who act in compliance with certain laws, regulations, Executive Orders, unless the person acts with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing. The bill provides for claim retroactivity and a sunset provision. It takes effect on July 1, 2021.

Passage of this bill would provide the needed protections for the business community. Not passing this legislation would impose an undue hardship during these difficult economic times.

The Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE REPORT for HB0508**. Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly at 410-213-0144 should you have any questions.

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