



HOUSE BILL 508
COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity
February 3, 2021

Position: Support

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The *Restaurant Association of Maryland* strongly supports House Bill 508 and the liability protection it provides to the foodservice industry and to other Maryland businesses for COVID-19 related claims.

Like many other business sectors, the foodservice industry has long been concerned about such liability exposure. Because Congress failed to pass liability protection for businesses, it's critical that the Maryland General Assembly pass this legislation to protect our businesses from the threat of opportunistic lawsuits.

For these reasons, we support this legislation and request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melvin R. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melvin R. Thompson
Senior Vice President
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