



COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

NATHAN VOLKE
Third District

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Ways and Means Committee
Maryland State House of Delegates

RE: SUPPORT - HB 662 - Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit for Business Entities - State of Emergency

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

As a county legislator representing one of seven Council Districts in Anne Arundel County, I write to express my support for House Bill 662 (HB 662).

If passed, HB 662 will provide the Anne Arundel County Council with another mechanism to help businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19. As you no doubt realize, many of the hardest hit businesses during the pandemic have been small businesses. The limitations/restrictions that have been imposed on their operations, especially in Anne Arundel County, have created significant hardships for these businesses, their employees and staff.

Having heard from many business owners around my District and the County, I know that many of these businesses are barely surviving. As we move into the latest round of property tax payments, these businesses have seen their financial reserves significantly depleted. They have been forced to pay expenses in an effort to remain open without the typical revenue they earned prior to the pandemic. That is a hardship for any business, and given the extraordinary measures that have been enacted by our federal, state and local governments, this is another avenue to provide assistance to our small business owners. HB 662 will provide Anne Arundel County with a path forward to mitigate some of the negative impacts that our county's restrictions have caused. I urge the Committee to support, and vote in favor of, HB 662.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan E. Volke".

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