

The Honorable Anne Kaiser Chair, Ways and Means Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, House Office Building

Re: Support- HB1137- Property Tax Credit – Business Entities – State of Emergency

Dear Chairman Kaiser and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) is the trade organization representing the shopping center industry. Worldwide, the association maintains over 60,000 members. In Maryland, ICSC represents the interest of more than 1,000 shopping centers in every county and municipality in the State and supports approximately 240,000 jobs.

During these unprecedented times, the industry is happy to see legislation offering much needed relief via tax credits. We believe this legislation will positively impact small business in Maryland.

On behalf of the ICSC community, I urge a favorable report for HB1137.

Sincerely, Mickey Papillon, ICSC Governmental Relations Chair For questions related to this testimony, please contact Sushant Sidh at 410-268-3099.