

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this issue.

Maryland annual report fees are an unnecessary and weirdly high expense compared to other states. This is just one burden stopping people from registering in Maryland. I personally have considered moving to another state as I feel Maryland has a lot of fees and higher taxes than many others.

Small business is essential to Maryland and this is a small but significant step in becoming a better place for us.

It's already expensive to get started and most of us don't even profit the first year or two. This fee is just a slap in the face businesses shouldn't have to deal with.

Thank you and please vote in favor of removing the online annual report filing fee!

Sincerely,  
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