

As a small business owner, taxes and fees are a huge burden upon myself and my business. A \$300 yearly cost plus the other taxes and fees I'm required to pay are hurtful to my business. I'm a small company trying to grow bigger, but at the moment I don't make a large income, so all the fees I pay are a large percentage against my income. Removing and reducing any fees or taxes make my company and many other small companies such as my own more profitable and increases our survival rate. With \$300 a year my company could purchase equipment for my company to grow, and ultimately be a small part in achieving my American dream.

Additionally a fellow small business owner who currently resides in another state, who is looking to relocate within the next few years, wants to consider Maryland for herself and her own small business, but yearly fees such as this are a deterrent. Passing this bill would turn this deterrent into an incentive to bring families and small businesses to Maryland.

I urge you to pass this bill, as it will help already established small businesses such as my own within our state, as well as attract new small businesses.