

My name is Jeffrey Walsh and I am a co-owner of Bircham Realty Holdings, LLC. I am writing in favor of bill SB403 which will eliminate the filing fee for business that submit their annual reports electronically. My business has no personal property assets yet I have been forced to pay a filing fee every year just to say as much. This two page document can't possibly cost \$300 to process so the filing fee essentially amounts to an additional tax on my business. Eliminating the fee for electronic filers is a step in the right direction towards making Maryland a better place to run a small business.