

To Whom This May Concern:

I have two business in the State of Maryland Curtis & Briscoe LLC and Briscoe's Investments LLC. My businesses have suffered a great deal due to the covid-19 pandemic. My businesses haven't been much profitable since the peak of the pandemic in 2020. Passing this legislation will help me and many more businesses in the State of Maryland to stay afloat during the economic times we are facing in 2021-2022.

The passing of this legislation will make Maryland the first state in the country to provide a zero-fee option for all businesses for this type of filing, which is required to be submitted every year with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) via the award-winning website Maryland Business Express.

In terms of this, we will amend Maryland's annual report fee structure to be among the most competitive in the nation, and incentivize online filing, which is a more efficient and cost-effective filing method for businesses and the state.

This legislation will bring much-needed relief to Maryland's small business community, which continues to grow by historic numbers since the onset of the pandemic. I hope everyone will consider this legislation to be approved to help this state thrive to become one of the best states to reside in the country.