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House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
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RE: HB0409 Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Fees for Electronic Filings

Dear Committee:

I am writing to express my support of HB0409 Corporations and Associations - Annual Reports - Fees for Electronic Filings.

As a small business owner in Maryland for the past seven years, I have always questioned the purpose of the \$300 Annual Report filing, but no one has ever been able to explain it to me. For some of us, it is quite a large amount of our income. By voting in favor of this legislation, you would be potentially

- opening the doors for more individuals to start businesses in Maryland
- empowering more people of various socio-economic statuses to share their gifts, talents, skill, services, ideas and products with others
- strengthening Maryland's economy
- improving the quality of life for current and future business owners
- sending a message that you care about Marylanders and are willing to support us in our efforts to succeed in business.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the elimination of the Annual Report filing fees.

Sincerely,

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