The Brands Of The Sun*Kissed Designs



WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB0409 Corporations and Associations – Annual Reports – Fees for Electronic Filings

My name is Chantél Francina Fielder and I am the owner and designer for my business Sun*Kissed Designs. I am submitting my testimony and hold a favorable position for the HB0409 Corporations and Associations-Annual Reports-Fees for Electronic Filings bill that will eliminate the filing fee for businesses that submit their annual report electronically.

Since the inception of my company in May 2011 I have operated as a sole proprietorship. Over the course of the last 10 years, we have expanded exponentially to include two additional service and product line divisions and are now ready for incorporation! The scale of my business is constant and changing my filing status was always inevitable. Due to the annual report filing fees currently in place, I maintained a sole proprietorship status and even researched the rates for incorporating solely in other states as opposed to simply operating as a foreign entity in another state. The HB0409 bill changes all of that! Not only will I be able to establish my company as a corporation in Maryland, I can separate and grow our new divisions into their own corporate entities and serve in a greater capacity.

As a minority and woman owned and operated business, I have always experienced but risen above all challenges. Knowing that this bill is established to help established business owners such as myself as well as others who have halted their goals to become a business owner due to the annual fee, means that multiple industries will gain an influx of new talent and expertise to drive and expand the economy as a whole!

I urge you to vote in favor of bill HB0409 so that Maryland business owners can stabilize the growth and scale of their businesses.

I thank you for your time and consideration in advance!

Sincerely,

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