



**Testimony on behalf of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce**

*In Support of  
Senate Bill 782—Workgroup on the Post-COVID19 Crisis Economic Transition*

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Senate Finance and Budget and Taxation Committees*

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 550 businesses located throughout the Greater Bethesda area and beyond. On behalf of these members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill 782—Workgroup on the Post-COVID 19 Crisis Economic Transition.

The past two years have been hard for all Marylanders, including the business community. Every industry has been impacted in some way. While, finally, a small sense of normalcy is being restored, that does not mean that our businesses don't continue to struggle. We appreciate what Senate Bill 782 seeks to do, which is, with stakeholder input, make recommendations regarding how the State may adjust its economic development and other strategies in the context of changes resulting from crises in individual sectors.

For this reason, we enthusiastically support Senate Bill 782 and urge a favorable vote.