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The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 418-Economic Development – More Jobs for Marylanders Program – Extension and Alterations

Chair Atterbeary,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee this afternoon regarding HB 418, legislation that will extend the availability of the More Jobs for Marylanders Program through 2027.

The General Ship Repair Corporation is a family-owned ship repair yard that has been in continuous operation in Baltimore's Inner Harbor neighborhood of Locust Point since 1924. In its time, the company has serviced schooners and steamships, paddle wheelers and super tankers, along with everything in between. Today, we provide repair and maintenance service to the regional workboat fleet, operating a pair of 1,000 ton floating docks and sending traveling repair crews to the region's many maritime ports.

Our employees are the heart and soul of our company. For almost 100 years, we have offered training and job opportunities in one of Maryland's oldest industries. Our welders, pipefitters, shipfitters and painters keep the Chesapeake's fleets of tugboats, barges, and military vessels in top condition. The General Ship Repair Corporation was first approved as a participant in the More Jobs for Marylanders program for the 2020 tax year. Being approved as an accepted manufacturing facility has given our small business the ability to hire, train and retain over 20 new employees.

In our ever-changing economic environment, the manufacturing and skilled trades sector has always been the backbone of our region and country. The passing of HB 418, extending the availability of the More Jobs for Marylanders Program through 2027, will allow more companies like The General Ship Repair Corporation to benefit from this program, and giving them the resources to create and sustain the jobs and workforce of the future.

Thank you very much.

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