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## **Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 514**

### **County Procurements – Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Programs – Certification**

#### **Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**

March 8, 2023

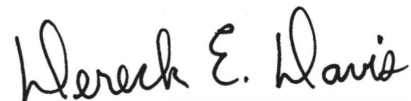
As the top two fiscal officers for the State, we share a commitment to promoting minority business enterprises. Senate Bill 514 furthers this goal by streamlining the process to become certified by various government entities and making it easier and more efficient for MBEs to do business in different jurisdictions. With the passage of this legislation, State certification will act as a passport to enable a business to meet the requirements of a county MBE utilization program. Additionally, the bill provides counties with an opportunity to partner with the State to bolster and enhance their minority business programs.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 514.

Sincerely,



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Comptroller of Maryland



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