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TO: House Economic Matters Committee

FROM: NFIB – Maryland

DATE: February 8, 2023

RE: **SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 171** – Corporations and Associations – Annual Reports – Filing Fees

Founded in 1943, NFIB is the voice of small business, advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. With more than 250,000 members nationwide, and nearly 4,000 here in Maryland, we work to protect and promote the ability of our members to grow and operate their business.

On behalf of Maryland's small businesses, NFIB supports House Bill 171 – legislation that would eliminate the state's \$300 fee for small businesses filing their annual reports electronically.

This bill is a logical continuation of efforts by the General Assembly to provide small but meaningful relief for small businesses operating in Maryland. Savings from HB171 could go towards offsetting the costs of the state's paid leave insurance program when it becomes operational.

For these reasons, **NFIB supports HB171** and requests a favorable committee report.