



SB 496 - Commercial Financing Transactions

Committee: House Economic Matters Committee

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Position: Support

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) **SUPPORTS** SB 496, which would establish a regulatory framework for businesses engaged in commercial financing transactions. This new framework would appropriately fall under the regulatory and enforcement authority of the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation (OCFR).

While OCFR currently has the power to investigate financial transactions to determine any violations, SB 496 would positively impact Maryland small businesses by implementing consistent standards and transparency requirements for commercial lenders to ensure equity and accountability in lending.

Maryland banks are proud to work with thousands of Maryland businesses to offer extensive responsible commercial financing products and services and strongly support transparency for all small business financing.

This bill is a smart step forward in protecting Maryland small businesses and accordingly, MBA urges a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 496.

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) represents FDIC-insured community, regional, and national banks, employing more than 30,000 Marylanders and holding more than \$181 billion in deposits in over 1,000 branches across our State. The Maryland banking industry serves about 4 million customers across the State and provides an array of financial services including residential mortgage lending, business banking, estates and trust services, consumer banking, and more.