



Government Relations Committee Meeting

Cecil County Chamber of Commerce
Elkton, Maryland

Senate Bill 525

Economic Development – Program Participation – Cannabis Business Establishments

LEGISLATIVE POSITION: Request Favorable Report

March 8, 2023

Dear Chair Griffith and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce and our over 400 member companies, I am writing to express our support of **SB 525**, which, if enacted, would affirm the equitable treatment of state-licensed cannabis business establishments in state economic development programs and benefits.

As a matter of basic fairness and equity, if a state-licensed business entity satisfies the requirements of an economic development program under Title 5 of the Code of Maryland, or is eligible for a project tax credit under Title 6 of the Code of Maryland, it should not be prohibited from eligibility solely because it is a cannabis establishment.

For the reasons noted above, we respectfully **request a favorable report**.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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