



## Ocean City, Maryland Chamber of Commerce

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### TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF THE GREATER OCEAN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### IN OPPOSITION OF:

#### HB0525 – Employment Discrimination – Use of Cannabis Products

Before:

House Economic Matter Committee

Hearing: 2/23/24 at 1:00 PM

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing over 700 regional businesses and job creators, **OPPOSES HB0525 – Employment Discrimination – Use of Cannabis Products.**

This legislation would prohibit an employer from taking an employment action based on a positive drug test. This makes it nearly impossible for an employer to ensure a safe working environment. It also raises concerns about liability, increased insurance rates, and overall unfriendliness towards businesses. At a minimum, we strenuously recommend exceptions be made for those in safety sensitive positions, such as healthcare workers, teachers, first responders, equipment operators, etc.

The Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE REPORT for HB0525.** Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly at 410-213-0144, or Dennis F. Rasmussen, [dfr@rasmussengrp.net](mailto:dfr@rasmussengrp.net) at 410-821-4445 should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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