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Chairman Korman, Committee Members:

I am writing to you today in opposition to House Bill 1215, the proposed delivery service fee bill.

As the pinnacle advocate for the business community in Prince George's County, we feel the proposed bill would deeply affect consumers and our members with fees that will hurt industry and affect our members ability to stabilize on the heels of COVID-19. Outside of the impact on the business community here in Prince George's and across the state, we see this as a regressive tax that will deeply affect working families, increasingly shrinking their bottom lines.

Many families rely on these services to have prescriptions and groceries delivered to their homes, to use ride share services for work and appointments and to leverage food delivery services for dinner. Lower-income and fixed-income families that already face across-the-board rising costs of living will bear the brunt of this fee. Seniors are already some of the most vulnerable constituents in our state and cannot face increased costs on basic services. While we understand the need for transportation funding in the state, we do not believe the burden should be transferred to Maryland's working families.

Thank you for your consideration.

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