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TO: House Environment & Transportation and Economic Matters Committees

FROM: NFIB – Maryland

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RE: **OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 1215** – Transportation Financing – Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee

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-Maryland respectfully opposes House Bill 1215 – legislation creating a retail delivery fee.

This legislation will add costs to small businesses – whether they are customers or transporters.

For vendors, HB1215 creates new recordkeeping and reporting requirements in addition to the collection and remitting of the fee created by this bill. For consumers, the fee contained in HB1215 is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which means there is no cap and no legislative oversight. It would take legislation to change or reduce the fee once enacted.

Currently, the state's Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (TRAIN) Commission is in the midst of its two-year process "to review, evaluate, and make recommendations on the prioritization and funding of transportation projects." HB1215 was not a part of the Commission's interim report.

For these reasons **NFIB opposes HB1215** and requests an unfavorable committee report.