

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee Room 241 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Madam Chair,

The University System of Maryland (USM) supports HB 850 - State Procurement - Small Business Preference Procurement. The Small Business Preference Program is ineffective and the Governor's Commission to Modernize State Procurement also made the recommendation to abolish it. USM utilizes the highly successful and impactful Small Business Reserve Program.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if we can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

Susan F. Lawrence

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