



**MARYLAND
TOURISM
COALITION**

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Maryland Senate
Senator William Smith, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support of SB 060 - Worcester County Motor Home and Recreational Trailer Shows Out of State Dealers

Chairperson Smith and Members of the Committee,

My name is Matt Libber, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland Tourism Coalition (MTC). I am writing to you today to express MTC's support for Senate Bill 060. The Maryland Tourism Coalition is a trade organization with members representing all areas of tourism in the State of Maryland. Our mission is to support businesses and organizations that cater to the tourism industry through education, networking, and advocacy. As such, MTC asks the committee to vote in favor of this bill.

This bill will provide much needed diversity of options for residents of the eastern shore interested in purchasing a recreational vehicle (RV). Currently there are limited options on the lower shore for residents to purchase a RV and require them to drive longer distances to find a dealer. This bill will allow dealers, mainly from Delaware, to display their vehicles during the Motor Home and Recreational Trailer show in Ocean City. Increasing the number of Maryland residents that own motor homes and RVs would have a positive impact on the tourism industry. It would lead to an increase in the use of the campgrounds around the state and the tourism-related businesses that exist around those campgrounds, including restaurants, retail stores, and state parks.

For these reasons, the Maryland Tourism Coalition asks this committee to vote in favor of this legislation and forward it for a full vote within the Senate of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

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