

TESTIMONY FOR HB0419 Business Regulation – Automatic Tip Prompt Screen - Requirements

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Lehman

Committee: Finance

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB0419 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Automatic tipping systems are becoming a fact of life. We see them in Starbucks and at hair salons, online ordering at restaurants and many other service organizations. There are some automated tipping systems that specify who the tip goes to, but many don't.

When we order curbside pickup at restaurants, and someone runs the order to our car in the rain, are they really seeing any of the tip that was added to my order? Unknown. We think that it is completely reasonable to know who is getting the tip.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.