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My name is Julia Fleischaker and I am a resident of District 40. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB 850, the Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2025.

I own Greedy Reads, a bookstore with two locations in Baltimore City. Our first store opened in 2018; the second store opened in 2019.

I love being my own boss, collaborating with people and working with the community.

Small businesses make a community so it's unfair to tilt the playing field against local owners. It's hurtful to everyone when big businesses don't pay their fair share. Small businesses are struggling to survive under the best circumstances. I'm happy to contribute to infrastructure and services in our state but big businesses shouldn't be able to take advantage of these same resources without contributing.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB 859.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Chambers