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## TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF THE GREATER OCEAN CITY MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## IN SUPPORT OF:

## <u>HB0163 – Motor Home and Recreational Vehicle Shows in Worcester County – Permit for</u> <u>Out–of–State Dealers</u>

## Before:

Environment & Transportation Committee Hearing: 2/6/25 at 1:00 PM

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 700 regional businesses and job creators, <u>SUPPORTS</u> House Bill HB0163 – Motor Home and Recreational Vehicle Shows in Worcester County – Permit for Out–of–State Dealers. This legislation would authorize out–of–state motor home or recreational trailer dealers to display motor homes and recreational vehicles at vehicle shows in Worcester County.

Shows like these bring visitors to our region and contribute to Maryland's economy with consumer spending (overnight stays, meals, retail, and other shopping) – the higher quality and quantity the vendors, the more visitors these shows will attract. The way the legislation is written presently, we are limited to use only in-state motor home or recreational trailer dealers, and given our proximity to both Delaware and Virginia, Ocean City would be an attractive location to nearby vendors to enhance these shows.

The Greater Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests a <u>FAVORABLE REPORT for HB0163</u>. Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly at 410-213-0144 should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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