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TESTIMONY ON HB#1439 - POSITION: FAVORABLE

Better Small Business Employee Benefit Act of 2025

TO: Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1439 - Better Small Business Employee Benefit Act of 2025

The intent of this bill is to expand the marketplace for health benefits that small businesses can utilize to obtain coverage for themselves and their employees. It will permit those businesses to access plans of larger employers as if they were part of that larger concern.

This bill meets that goal by exempting from certain requirements relating to offering health benefit plans to small employers in the State health benefit plans issued through a professional employer organization, coemployer, or other organization located in the State.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1439.