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*Governor Wes Moore*

*Lt. Governor Aruna Miller*

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DATE: February 18, 2025  
BILL NUMBER: HB 500  
COMMITTEE: House and Government Operations Committee  
BILL TITLE: Procurement Reform Act of 2025  
GOSBA POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

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Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Committee:

The Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs (GOSBA) would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide written support for House Bill 500 (HB 500). HB 500 represents a comprehensive, interdepartmental effort to modernize, streamline and transform the State's procurement system into a more equitable and competitive marketplace.

GOSBA commends the Governor's leadership and commitment to addressing the inequalities faced by small, minority, women, and veteran-owned business owners. These business owners encounter significant barriers, and HB 500 is a crucial step towards reducing those inequities.

GOSBA oversees each of the socioeconomic procurement programs across 70+ state agencies, playing a key role in programs such as the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Small Business Reserve (SBR), and the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE). Increasing opportunities for Maryland business owners within these programs has been instrumental in promoting economic stability, particularly in the MBE, SBR, and VSBE communities.

GOSBA believes the Procurement Act of 2025 would allow Maryland to become more efficient, equitable, and competitive in this decade.

GOSBA is pleased to offer this Letter of Support for HB 500 and happy to engage in further discussions regarding the bill.

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