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

IN SUPPORT OF:

SB0642 – Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Indoor Trampoline Parks

Before: Judicial Proceedings Committee Hearing: 2/11/25 at 1:00 PM

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 700 regional businesses and job creators, <u>SUPPORTS</u> Senate Bill SB0642 – Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements -Indoor Trampoline Parks. This legislation would alter a provision of law that makes unenforceable a provision of a contract or agreement limiting liability for injury caused by negligence or other wrongful acts to apply unenforceability only to contracts or agreements relating to the use of an indoor trampoline park rather than the use of a recreational facility.

In the 2024 Session, the Greater Ocean City Maryland Chamber of Commerce **strongly opposed** SB0452, due to the negative impact upon the small businesses that run these recreational facilities due to increased insurance rates and lead to greater liability and cost. The Ocean City area is tourism-driven, and <u>SB0642</u> would right that wrong, and ensure our businesses are able to continue to provide experiences for visitors to our region.

The Greater Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE REPORT for SB0642**. Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly on 410-213-0144 should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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