

LEGISLATIVE POSITION:

Favorable House Bill 862-Child Care Affordability Commission - Establishment Ways and Means Committee

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic health and growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

The Maryland Chamber supports initiatives that increase access to childcare, incentivize more childcare providers to operate in Maryland, and increase childcare options for Marylanders. For these reasons, the Chamber is happy to participate as a member of the Commission established by Senate Bill 452.

For these reasons, the Chamber respectfully requests a **favorable report** on **SB 862**.