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HB 179: FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Valderrama and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

On behalf of the business community served by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, I write to express strong **SUPPORT** for **HB 179** during the 2026 Maryland Legislative Session.

HB 179 represents a meaningful step toward government accountability, transparency, and improved responsiveness, which are essential to fostering a healthy business climate. Timely and predictable regulatory processes are critical for workforce planning, capital investment decisions, and overall operational efficiency. A centralized portal and reporting mechanism will help identify bottlenecks, enable data-driven improvements across agencies, and ultimately reduce costs and delays for Maryland employers.

For our Chamber members — from small entrepreneurs to established employers across multiple sectors — ensuring that state and local government processes operate efficiently is a priority. **HB 179** will help strengthen communication between business stakeholders and government, support continuous improvement in permitting and licensing procedures, and contribute to a more competitive business environment in Maryland.

We therefore respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on **HB 179** and thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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