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Chair Valderrama
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**FAV Written Testimony for HB1214 - Dealer Standing - Vehicle
Manufacturers and Dealers – Dealer Associations – Administrative
Hearings**

Dear Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

This bill ensures that vehicle dealer associations and those representing dealers are able to communicate with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Association through administrative hearings regarding specific and general subject matter related to dealers.

The bill clearly identifies “dealer association” as a business entity that is primarily owned by or composed of dealers that collectively represent the majority of the state’s franchised dealers and primarily represents the interests of dealers.

This bill allows vehicle dealer associations to request hearings to resolve disputes between a dealer, dealer association, or designated dealer successor, and a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch. Dispute settlement is an integral part of a well-operating business. The bill authorizes dealer associations to request a hearing with the MVA to seek clarity or explanation of any provision of applicable law.

This bill will also allow vehicle dealer associations, dealers, or those representing dealers to bring suit to recover damages and reasonable attorneys' fees. This ensures that fair and just practices are being maintained in the industry.

I urge a favorable report on HB1214.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlon Amprey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marlon" and the last name "Amprey" clearly distinguishable.

Delegate Marlon Amprey
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