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FAV Written Testimony for HB1346 SDAT - Expedited Document Processing and Fees

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

Under current Maryland law, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) offers limited expedited processing options for business filings and recorded documents, despite increasing demand from small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and legal professionals who rely on timely document processing to operate effectively. Delays in processing can prevent businesses from opening, securing financing, entering contracts, or remaining in good standing with the State.

HB1346 is introduced for the purpose of establishing clearly defined expedited processing tiers and corresponding fees, while also requiring SDAT to process documents within specific timeframes based on when they are submitted. The bill creates additional expedited options ranging from two-hour, one-hour, and thirty-minute processing, giving filers predictable and transparent service levels when time-sensitive filings are required.

This bill recognizes that not all filings require expedited service, but for those that do, Maryland should offer a system that reflects the realities of today's economy. Entrepreneurs, small business owners, and nonprofit leaders often face strict deadlines tied to licensing, lending, or compliance requirements. Providing clear processing timelines allows these individuals to plan accordingly and reduces unnecessary administrative barriers.

Importantly, HB1346 does not mandate expedited filing. It simply creates optional, fee-based services that allow SDAT to recover the cost of providing faster processing while maintaining standard processing for all other filers. The bill also directs the Department to adopt regulations to manage volume and ensure that expedited services do not disrupt routine operations.

By adding additional avenues to SDAT's processing framework, this legislation improves efficiency, transparency, and customer service, while maintaining appropriate regulatory

oversight. House Bill 1346 ensures that Maryland's business infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of a modern economy.

I respectfully urge a favorable report on **HB1346**

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.

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