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Opposition to SB 886 – Consumer Protection and Labor and Employment – Food Service Facilities and Minimum Wage

To the Members of the **Senate Finance Committee**:

My name is **Jennifer Vorm** and I am the **owner** of **Livre Financial Services in La Plata, Maryland**. We have operated here for **6 years**. I am writing in opposition to **SB 886**.

I understand the intent of this bill is to raise worker earnings, and I care deeply about my employees. But this proposal would create economic consequences many businesses like mine simply cannot absorb — threatening jobs, increasing costs and undermining stability.

Raising the minimum wage to \$25 per hour by 2030 — a 67% increase — is not a small adjustment. For my business, that would mean my business could no longer afford to hire help.

What concerns me most is placing this policy into the Maryland Constitution. Embedding it there would effectively lock in sweeping economic mandates with little ability to correct course if the consequences prove damaging. That level of permanence is risky for employers, workers and communities alike.

I am not opposed to fair wages. I am concerned about sustainability — and whether businesses like mine will be able to continue operating and employing Marylanders under this structure.

I respectfully ask you to oppose **SB 886**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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