



Testimony on behalf of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce

*In Support of
Senate Bill 779—Better Small Business Employee Benefit Act of 2026
March 4, 2026
Senate Finance Committee*

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 600 businesses located throughout the Greater Bethesda area and beyond. On behalf of these members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill 779—Better Small Business Employee Benefit Act of 2026.

Two years ago, the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce strongly supported legislation that required a study of professional employer organizations and a report, including findings, due to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024. Our members have always been supportive of this concept and, in fact, have supported related legislation in past years. Most small business owners do not have the time or the expertise to manage all aspects of human resources. Professional employer organizations can be a huge asset to small businesses like our members by taking over the administrative human resources tasks and compliance responsibilities while letting small businesses focus on what they know best: running their business.

We appreciate Senator Feldman’s support of this important issue. For this reason, we urge a favorable vote on Senate Bill 779.