



## House Bill 334

Date: February 10, 2026

Committee: Government, Labor, and Elections

**Position: Unfavorable**

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Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners, and we work to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

House Bill 334 (HB 334) HB 334 would require businesses bidding on State procurement contracts to certify that they, and their affiliates, do not and will not engage in any actions that violate the U.S. or Maryland Constitutions. While we don't support constitutional violations, this requirement is overly broad, impractical, and inconsistent with modern procurement practices.

Today's companies often operate through multiple affiliated entities. State procurement standards appropriately require certifications only from the specific entity entering into the contract. By extending liability to affiliates and creating potential joint and several liability, the bill exposes businesses to unreasonable risk for conduct unrelated to the contract and beyond their control.

This bill would discourage participation in State procurement, particularly among complex or multi-entity businesses, without improving compliance or accountability.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests an **unfavorable report on HB 334**.