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House Bill 308 -- *Corporations and Associations - Principal Offices - Private Mailboxes*
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Support

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports House Bill 308 -- *Corporations and Associations - Principal Offices - Private Mailboxes*.

House Bill 308 modifies the definition of a “principal office” under the Corporations and Associations Article by including an address supplied by a commercial mail receiving agency that a Maryland corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership has a valid commercial mail receiving agreement with, in accordance with, U.S. Postal Service regulations.

This bill modernizes Maryland’s business laws by increasing flexibility and reducing unnecessary administrative challenges on companies. It reflects how modern businesses operate, as many small, home-based, and early-stage enterprises do not maintain traditional office space but are still required to list a physical principal office address. Allowing the use of a commercial mail receiving agency (CMRA) address offers a practical, affordable alternative while protecting the privacy and security of business owners who would otherwise have to publish their home addresses in state records.

The bill also aligns Maryland with the many states that already recognize CMRA addresses, strengthening our competitiveness and making it easier for businesses to organize and remain headquartered here. For startups and small businesses, reducing overhead and increasing operational flexibility can determine whether they choose to establish themselves in Maryland, and this small change signals that Maryland supports entrepreneurship and the realities of today’s economy.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports House Bill 308 and respectfully requests a favorable report.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), on behalf of its members, champions the growth of business opportunities, strategic infrastructure investments, and a strong workforce to position Metro Maryland as a premier regional, national, and global business location. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent, non-profit membership organization.

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