

January 25, 2021

Senator William C. Smith, Jr.  
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Maryland State Senate  
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB0210 - COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity** - Position: **SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of our 500-member businesses and more than 45,000 employees in Montgomery County, this statement is in **Support of SB0210 – COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity**. This bill will provide immunity from providing immunity from civil liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person or business that acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing.

At a time when every citizen and business in this State has been affected by COVID-19 in one way or another, citizens and businesses should not be held liable or be responsible for payments of expenses if someone else has been exposed or potentially exposed to COVID-19 from that individual or business. With over 400,000 deaths and millions already being exposed in the United States, people need the security to know that they will not potentially be held responsible for someone else contracting COVID-19, as long as they acted in compliance with all Federal, State and Local statutes, rules and regulations.

We ask you to please vote **FAVORABLE** on this necessary bill. Thank you for your consideration of our remarks.

Sincerely,



Allie Williams  
President & CEO