



Testimony on behalf of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce

In Support of
House Bill 308—Corporations and Associations—Principal Offices—Private Mailboxes
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House Economic Matters Committee

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 650 businesses located throughout the Greater Bethesda area and beyond. On behalf of these members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on House Bill 308—Corporations and Associations—Principal Offices—Private Mailboxes.

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce supports this proposed legislation because it removes an unnecessary administrative barrier for small businesses, startups, mobile service providers, and home-based entrepreneurs. House Bill 308 authorizes businesses to designate an address supplied by a commercial mail receiving agency as their principal office address when certain conditions are met. This flexibility is especially valuable for small firms and businesses that do not maintain a traditional commercial office or whose work is remote, home-based, or mobile in nature.

By recognizing a reputable commercial mailbox address as legally valid, the bill acknowledges modern business models and meets entrepreneurs where they are—without imposing new regulatory burdens. For this reason, we support House Bill 308 and urge a favorable report.