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**SB261 Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit for  
Business Entities – State of Emergency  
Budget and Taxation Committee  
January 21, 2021**

**Position:** Support

**Background:** SB261 would authorize the Anne Arundel County government to grant a county property tax credit for businesses affected by an officially declared State of Emergency.

**Comments:** The Maryland Retailers Association enthusiastically supports SB261 and efforts made to relieve financial burdens, where possible, on businesses struggling with the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We all understand the devastating effects that closure periods and limited capacity restrictions have had on businesses. The forward-thinking nature of SB261 keeps businesses at the forefront not only in 2021 but also during future States of Emergency as the proposed property tax credit would lower the operating costs of businesses in Anne Arundel County during that time.

Thank you for your consideration, and we urge a favorable report on SB261.

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## COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

NATHAN VOLKE  
Third District

January 18, 2021

Budget and Taxation Committee  
Maryland State Senate

RE: SUPPORT - SB 261 - Anne Arundel County - Property Tax Credit for Business Entities - State of Emergency

Dear Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

As a county legislator representing one of seven Council Districts in Anne Arundel County, I write to express my support for Senate Bill 261 (SB 261).

If passed, SB 261 will provide the Anne Arundel County Council with another mechanism to help businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19. As you no doubt realize, many of the hardest hit businesses during the pandemic have been small businesses. The limitations/restrictions that have been imposed on their operations, especially in Anne Arundel County, have created significant hardships for these businesses, their employees and staff.

Having heard from many business owners around my District and the County, I know that many of these businesses are barely surviving. As we move into the latest round of property tax payments, these businesses have seen their financial reserves significantly depleted. They have been forced to pay expenses in an effort to remain open without the typical revenue they earned prior to the pandemic. That is a hardship for any business, and given the extraordinary measures that have been enacted by our federal, state and local governments, this is another avenue to provide assistance to our small business owners. SB261 will provide Anne Arundel County with a path forward to mitigate some of the negative impacts that our county's restrictions have caused. I urge the Committee to support, and vote in favor of, SB261.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan E. Volke".

Nathan E. Volke

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