



**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.