



Central Maryland Chamber
The Center of Intelligent Business

House Bill 852
Eliminating Annual Report Filing Fee
House Economic Matters Committee
February 21, 2022

Dear Delegate Wilson and Members of the Committee,

The Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce (CMC) was formed in 2017, a merger of two existing chambers- The Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber (originally founded in 1948) and the West Anne Arundel County Chamber (originally founded in 1962). The CMC is a regional organization representing approximately 350 businesses in the Central Maryland corridor and exists to be the primary business resource and advocate as the area experiences exponential growth.

The Central Maryland Chamber is writing in support of HB 852.

HB 852 would eliminate the \$300 annual filing fee for LLC's operating in the state of Maryland and lessen filings submitted by businesses electronically.

This change will allow businesses, many who are still struggling with the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, to pay less fees to the state to operate their businesses and will encourage those who need to file to do so online at a lesser rate.

Everything we can do to lessen the stress on businesses right now is incredibly appreciated. Eliminating fees like this will make our state more competitive to businesses looking to locate here and help existing Maryland businesses stay. Seemingly minor changes like this can make a significant difference to these businesses.

The Central Maryland Chamber requests that you support HB852.