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Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways & Means Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

IN SUPPORT OF HB1273 – Income Tax Credit for Travel, Hospitality and Entertainment

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Distinguished Members of the House Ways & Means Committee,

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Campgrounds (MAC), I write to respectfully ask for your support of this carefully created legislation. MAC is the only trade association representing the private campground owners of Maryland. We are a non-profit, completely volunteer organization consisting of campground owners and operators, many of whom are managing campgrounds that have been passed down through the generations.

A small association, 25 members, we collectively manage over 2,100 acres in Maryland, 5,000+ campsites and 325 rental cabins/trailers. Numbers confirm that outdoor recreation is, and should remain, a key part of our state's travel and tourism strategy. The impact from recreation dollars is felt through innumerable ancillary businesses. Our industry, statewide and nationally, is committed to promoting exploration, adventure and responsible recreation.

This bill will provide a number of opportunities to keep Marylanders in our magical state, to spend their money with fellow state residents. HB1273 provides a real incentive, one that we need during these difficult economic times. A time when we especially all need to enjoy the benefits of an active outdoor lifestyle.

I am happy to answer any questions, or provide further information if needed. I truly appreciate your time and consideration in support of HB1273.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah L. Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Deborah L. Carter, MAC Executive Director
Past Chair/Legislative Committee Member Maryland Tourism Coalition
Chair, Governor's State Park Advisory Commission