



**The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce, Inc.**

**TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF
THE GREATER OCEAN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

IN SUPPORT OF:

**HB01273 – Allowing an Individual to Claim a Credit Against the
State Income Tax for Certain Transportation Hospitality and Entertainment Expenses**

**Before the:
House Ways and Means Committee
March 9th, 2022 1:00 P.M.**

As Executive Director of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, an organization that represents approximately 850 plus members in Ocean City and the surrounding region, I am asking you to support **HB1273 – Allowing an Individual to Claim a Credit Against the State Income Tax for Certain Travel Hospitality and Entertainment Expenses.**

Ocean City's chief industry, tourism, is slowly recovering from difficult economic times and any additional means of ensuring that visitors vacation in Ocean City would help local businesses tremendously. Allowing individuals to claim a credit on their State income tax for travel, hospitality and entertainment would not only benefit the citizens of Maryland, but it would also benefit Maryland's tourism industry.

Therefore, we humbly ask that you support **HB01273.**

Best regards,

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