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**Testimony in Support of HB1399: Corporations and Associations - Resident Agent - Public Information**  
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Chair Wilson and distinguished members of the Economic Matters Committee, it is my pleasure to come before you and offer testimony in favor of **House Bill 1399: Corporations and Associations - Resident Agent - Public Information**, to require the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to ensure that the phone number and e-mail address of resident agents are publicly available.

Every Maryland limited liability corporation (LLC) is required by law to maintain a resident agent. Resident agents can act on behalf of a company and serve as a point of contact to assist with taxation and incorporation issues.

This bill aims to update the Resident Agent information at SDAT and bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There is no reason that easy access by phone or email is not available.

I am amending the bill to delay the effective date by two years given the technological challenges shared by SDAT.

I urge a favorable report on **House Bill 1399**. Thank you.