

March 6, 2024

The Honorable Senator Brian J. Feldman Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 0867 General Assembly – Fiscal Notes – Family Impact Statements - Support

Dear Senator Feldman:

We support the inclusion of a Family Impact Statement in the Fiscal Notes of proposed bills. This would be a positive move to support the 99% of the state's businesses since they are 'Mom and Pop' owned (Maryland Small Business Economic Profile). Shifting the responsibility to the legislature to consider impacts on family-run businesses would help ensure, not impede upon, the ability of business owners to positively influence the economy.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 700 members, supports this bill. We therefore request that you give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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President

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CC: Senator Justin Ready Delegate April Rose