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I want to thank those of you who took time out of your busy schedules yesterday to join the Chamber and fellow business organizations in speaking out against HB 1628.

Grassroots advocacy is at the heart of what makes membership in the Maryland Chamber so valuable, and yesterday's "drive-in" and press conference are the ultimate example of how we can amplify our voices when we come together in support of the business community.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words—and the image of representatives from 29 business organizations standing alongside one another to reject this misguided bill won't soon be forgotten. It was captured by numerous media outlets, including the [Associated Press](#), the [Washington Post](#), [WBAL-TV](#) and the [Maryland Reporter](#)—just to name a few who covered the press conference yesterday.

The word is out, but we need to keep the momentum going. Please continue to call and write your legislators to share your concerns—and tell colleagues, business owners, friends and family to do the same. It is not too late to [sign on to our letter](#), which outlines the destructive consequences that HB 1628 would have on the business community. If you have not yet signed on and would like to, please contact me at your earliest convenience at aduckman@mdchamber.org or 410-269-0642.

You may also feel free to send the letter directly from your own organization or use it as a guide to draft your own personalized letter about why HB 1628 will have a direct negative impact on you and your business.

Together, we will quash HB 1628 and keep Maryland open for business for generations to come.

Sincerely,
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