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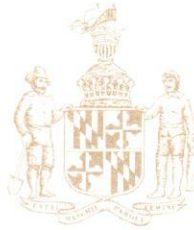
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Ms. Elizabeth Walsh
Chair, Howard County Council
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: CB82-2021

Dear Council Chair Walsh,

I am in Annapolis for the first day of Special Session and had the opportunity to speak to the Chair of the Economic Matters Committee. He confirmed that a bill will be introduced in January, 2022 that addresses the state minimum wage.

As part of the task force on the Economic Matters Committee that studied the minimum wage bill, I am very familiar with the complexities of crafting minimum wage legislation.

Given that the state is taking this up in the next month, I write to respectfully request that the County Council consider tabling CB82-2021 until the upcoming bill moves through the Maryland General Assembly legislative process. This would also give the Howard County Council more time to review the ten amendments that have been filed, as well as consult with the Maryland Department of Labor on the implications of administering CB82-2021.

Thank you for your consideration and as always, it is a pleasure to work in partnership with the Howard County Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Courtney Watson".

Courtney Watson
Delegate

cc: County Executive Calvin Ball
Council Member Opel Jones
Council Member Deb Jung
Council Member Christiana Rigby
Council Member David Yungmann