

Members of the House Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System:

On behalf of the business community, we respectfully request your favorable consideration in supporting House Bill 112\*. Sponsored by Chairman Trey Kelley, HB 112 is a pro-business bill necessary to aid in Georgia's continued recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.

To bolster economic recovery, businesses need the assurance that when giving their best efforts to protect employees and the general public, that they in turn will be protected from frivolous lawsuits. As we all know, our public health officials are learning more about COVID-19 every day and recommendations are ever-changing in response. As businesses adapt to this new economy, they require the support of the legislature to provide a consistent and predictable legal environment.

HB 112 is a narrowly tailored one-year extension of the current law providing targeted relief against frivolous lawsuits regarding the transmission of COVID-19. The Georgia Chamber, the Metro Atlanta Chamber, Georgians For Lawsuit Reform, and the National Federation for Independent Business worked alongside stakeholders in the crafting of last year's legislation on this issue, and our members stand firmly in favor of extending liability protections this year.

Our organizations intend to ensure our state remains competitive and advances its reputation as the number one place to do business. We support legislation that ensures fairness, accountability, and predictability in our legal system. We appreciate this committee's efforts to make Georgia a better state for business and ask for your favorable consideration of HB 112.

Respectfully submitted,



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