



Dear Colleague:

The 2006 elections are right around the corner. With the governorship and every seat in the Maryland General Assembly up for reelection, the stakes are too high for the business community to play a passive role.

Each race presents an opportunity to impact Maryland's business climate and competitive posture. I encourage you to support the Maryland Chamber PAC. Your support will help us elect candidates who understand the economic importance of a strong business climate.

The Maryland Chamber PAC is a non-partisan political action committee. We support candidates who share our views on important business issues and who make policy decisions that foster a healthy, competitive business climate for our state.

If this year's veto override fights taught us anything, it is that Maryland businesses must be more engaged in the political process (see press clippings below). Organized labor, trial lawyers and environmental activists are rallying their supporters in preparation for the 2006 elections. Make a contribution today, and help us level the playing field for the business community.

The 2006 Primary Election is just seven months away. The next few weeks will be critical to our efforts. Make a contribution today.

Sincerely,

Arthur D. Ebersberger
Chairman

Maryland in the News ...For the Wrong Reasons

"This episode is just one more example of how Maryland is developing a reputation for being a bad place to do business. Within the past year, the legislature has increased the minimum wage and foisted a new health-care tax on Wal-Mart. During his four years in office, Governor Ehrlich has had to beat back \$7.5 billion in tax hikes in a state with a budget of \$29 billion. The message being sent to job creators is clear: Lights out."

--Wall Street Journal Editorial, April 15-16, 2006

"The Maryland bill is a legislative mugging masquerading as an act of benevolent social engineering... In trying to address the national problems of health care and uninsured workers, lawmakers in Maryland and other states could inflict on themselves a new set of problems while failing to solve the underlying one."

--Washington Post Editorial, January 12, 2006

"So two job-killer bills back-to-back. The state of Maryland, not the place to go if you are a business that sees vast growth and expansion in your future."

--Rush Limbaugh, The Rush Limbaugh Show, April 7, 2005

"Maryland's politicians need to understand that policies punishing business have bad economic consequences... What's really going on here is an attempt to pass the runaway burdens of the welfare state on to private American employers."

-- Wall Street Journal Editorial, January 10, 2006

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If the past four years taught us anything, it is that Maryland businesses must be more engaged in the political process. Organized labor, trial lawyers and environmental activists are rallying their supporters in preparation for the 2006 election. With your help, the Chamber can level the playing field and make the Maryland General Assembly more business friendly.

_____ **YES! I want to make a voluntary contribution to support pro-business candidates for the Maryland General Assembly in the 2006 election.**

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By authority Maryland Chamber Political Action Committee, Richard Pettingill, Treasurer.

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