

MEMBER BENEFIT | FREE MARYLAND CHAMBER FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DESIGNED TO EMPOWER SMALL BUSINESSES AND GROW THEIR VOICE AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS.

Small business is the driving force of job creation in Maryland and is an important part of the core constituency of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce's grassroots advocacy efforts. Their activities affect no other group of businesses more dramatically than small businesses. Businesses' overall success in the global marketplace is directly tied to the state's ability to foster a climate that is competitive and favorable to small business, a sector that makes up almost 92 percent of Maryland's registered companies.

The Frederick County Chamber of Commerce has entered into partnership with the Maryland Chamber of Commerce to ensure the voice of our small businesses is heard with minimal investment and maximum impact. This means that any of our member businesses with 10 or fewer full-time employees are eligible for a FREE Federation membership in the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. [An additional \$750 value annually to your existing membership benefits!]

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- A team of government affairs professionals aggressively and proactively representing their businesses throughout the year at the state capitol and in Washington, DC.
- Opportunity to participate in statewide initiatives, surveys and coalitions and to provide feedback that has a direct impact on public policy development.
- Up-to-date information on state issues through legislative e-news, The Leading Voice, grassroots business action updates and calls to action updates during the legislative session.
- Chamber Legislative Briefings, including the legislative update, From the Halls, e-newsletter
- Maryland Grassroots Advocacy Training - The Chamber's issue advocacy education program training businesses on the nuts and bolts of how to effectively lobby elected officials.
- Reduced member pricing for Maryland Chamber signature events.
- Participation in the Chamber's DC Roundup at the U.S. Capitol.
- Aggressive, proactive General Assembly representation aggregating Chamber "Clout" to oppose initiatives harmful to business and supportive of job growth.
- Access to the members-only side of the Maryland Chamber website and member directory.

*For more information or to take advantage of your FREE Maryland Chamber Federated membership, contact **Kimberley Levine** at klevine@frederickchamber.org*