

Media Advisory

Comptroller Franchot to Host Virtual News Conference with Small Business Advocates, Owners on Thursday

Speakers from across Maryland will back Franchot's call to spend \$500 million of state's historic surplus on locally-owned retailers, restaurants

WHO:

Comptroller Peter Franchot

Sean Stinnett, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Businesses & Director of Baltimore Main Streets

Jeff Burton, Executive Director, Bethesda Urban Partnership

Naddia Clute, Business Consultant, Maryland Small Business Development Center

Marigot Miller, Co-Owner, The Abbey Burger Bistro (Baltimore City and Havre de Grace)

Cheryl Harrington, Owner, Shortcake Bakery (Hyattsville)

Craig Martin, Owner, The QG (Baltimore City and Hunt Valley)

Corinne Sawyer, Co-Owner, The Family Room (Laytonsville)

Samantha Claassen, Owner, Golden West Cafe (Baltimore City)

WHAT:

Comptroller Franchot will host a virtual news conference on Thursday afternoon to rally support for his proposal to provide \$500 million in direct financial relief to Maryland small businesses in hard-hit industries.

Small business advocates, restaurateurs and retailers representing a cross-section of industries throughout Maryland will join the

Comptroller in urging Governor Hogan and the General Assembly to tap into the state's historic \$6 billion surplus and dedicate a fresh round of economic relief, particularly to support minority-owned and women-owned small businesses, which bore the disproportionate brunt of COVID-19's economic impact.

WHEN: Thursday, February 17, 2022
Noon

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