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Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File 260025 - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses - Support

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On January 26, 2026, the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File 260025 - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses. Melanie Mathewson, Legislative Aide for President Mandelman, presented the legislation, which would amend the Police Code to delete Article 55 and repeal the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash for the purchase of goods and services.

The Commission discussed the higher risk of robbery or crime that businesses face when they are required to keep cash on site, noting that it threatens the safety of their employees. They also believe that businesses should have the right to choose how to operate to best meet the needs of their customers. The Commission voted to support this legislation, with one Commissioner voting in opposition. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business