



February 20, 2012

The Honorable Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.  
Judiciary Committee  
Room 101, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1912

Re: HB 353 – Jury Service – Employers – Prohibited Acts – **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Vallario:

Businesses, cognizant of the importance of doing one's civic duty by serving on a jury when called, are currently required by law and support employees called to serve, without retaliation or penalty. This bill seeks to restrict business from requiring any employee to work on a day where that employee has spent any time whatsoever responding to a summons for jury service.

This bill, which now mirrors SB 16, is far too restrictive on an employer's right to schedule and manage its workforce. While we recognize the intent of this bill, we also feel that relieving an employee of work after having served as little as a few minutes in jury service, is unwarranted and believe it will add an unnecessary burden, in an already over-regulated business environment.

The Legislative Committee of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce opposes HB 353. We therefore ask that your committee give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael McMullin'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Joseph M. Getty  
Delegate Susan W. Krebs