



February 29, 2012

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis
House Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1912

Re: HB840 – Procurement - Living Wage - Repeal - **Support**

Dear Delegate Davis:

HB840 would repeal the provisions of law regarding the living wage for State contracts, and repeal the requirement that specified employers pay specified hourly wages to employees who work on specified State contracts.

The Legislative Committee of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this bill, as it would relieve employers from the burden of paying wages above the competitive wage for the geographic area and foster a fairer and more competitive business friendly environment. We believe workers should receive a fair and equitable wage and that these rates should be established by the marketplace and not through legislation.

Therefore, we ask your Committee to support this bill and provide a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael McMullin'.

Michael McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

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