



March 26, 2012

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

Re: HB 1042 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings-Witnesses-Privileged Communications
Between Labor Organization and Member - **OPPOSE**

Dear Delegate Vallario:

This bill would prohibit a labor organization or an agent thereof from being compelled to disclose any communication an agent of the organization acquired from a member in the course of the agent's duties or while acting in the agent's representative capacity. This bill would extend attorney client privilege to a labor organization and its members that they are not entitled to assume. This bill would also interfere with federal law which regulates the rights and responsibilities of employees and their representatives through the NLRA.

For these reasons above, The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce asks that your committee give this bill an unfavorable 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