



March 12, 2012

The Honorable Sheila E. Hixson  
Ways and Means Committee  
House Office Building, Room 131  
Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1912

RE: HB 846 – County Transfer Tax – Collection - **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Hixson:

This bill would authorize a county to enact a law to directly collect county transfer taxes. Under current law the clerk of court collects transfer taxes on deeds recorded in the land records, and SDAT collects such taxes on instruments of writing recorded with the Department. Each state agency deducts the cost of collection prior to remitting the county taxes.

The Legislative Committee of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce opposes HB 846 as a bill that would increase the complexity in the tax collection process and in turn business transition issues.

We fail to see the reason for this administrative change and believe the current system of collections is properly performed at the local level. The county would still have to maintain records in order to know the correct amount of collections that is due. This would result in a delay in regard to receiving the funds which is unnecessary under the current system.

For these reasons, we ask that your committee give HB 846 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

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