



February 15, 2017

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 1018 - Corporate Income Tax – Rate Reduction – Support

Dear Delegate Kaiser:

House Bill 1018 will reduce the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%. The Legislative Committee of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce supports this bill as we believe it will encourage business development and encourage businesses to remain in the State of Maryland. The long term effect of this reduction would, in our opinion, bring increased future tax revenue into the state.

We believe House Bill 1018 is a step in the right direction towards fostering a more attractive climate for business in our state. This is especially true when Virginia has a corporate income tax rate of only 6% and offers such a close geographic alternative for businesses to locate. Our current tax rate is too high and puts Maryland at a competitive disadvantage.

The state of Maryland is at a critical juncture as the competition to attract new business and individuals is increasing. We have seen tax and fee increases over the past years. Moreover, the move toward increased regulation has had a negative impact on our business climate. We need to reverse this cycle for the future generations of Marylanders or we continue to lose both residents and businesses and at the same time become unattractive to those who are looking at our state as a place to call home.

We therefore ask that your committee consider the positive long term benefits of House Bill 1018 and give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Susan Krebs
Senator Justin Ready

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