



February 15, 2017

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

**RE: HB 1146** - Labor and Employment - General Contractor Liability for Nonpayment of Wages - **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Davis:

House Bill 1146 seeks to make a general contractor liable for nonpayment of wages committed by its subcontractors and/or the subcontractor's subcontractors.

This is already the case in any "wage scale" government contracts (contracts subject to prevailing wage laws). This bill would now extend liability to contractors involved with non-wage scale jobs. The current trend of attempting to hold one business responsible for the bad acts of another is unreasonable, especially extending this liability further down the chain than any contractor would have control.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, opposes this bill and therefore requests that you give it an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

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

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Delegate Susan W. Krebs  
Senator Justin Ready