



February 15, 2017

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

RE: HB 1189 - Prevailing Wage - Basis for Rate Determination - Survey Data - Support

Dear Delegate Davis:

House Bill 1189 restricts using prevailing wage data in surveys used to determine what the prevailing wage should be.

It would seem contrary to common sense, business sense and statistical sense to pad a survey with the very data the survey is designed to help determine. In this case, using existing prevailing wage figures as part of the survey would artificially raise the prevailing wage each time the surveys are done. Prevailing wage figures are already an artificial figure based mostly on union-negotiated wages, and not competitive market data. Including those figures in surveys to determine future prevailing wage figures is therefore completely unreasonable.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, supports this bill and therefore requests that you give it 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 W. Krebs
Senator Justin Ready