



February 7, 2017

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 120 – Department of Agriculture - Seafood and Aquaculture Product Marketing
– **Support**

Dear Delegate Barve:

House Bill 120 will move the marketing responsibility for Maryland seafood products from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA). The MDA will use current staff to promote seafood products to local and international buyers using special funds generated by existing fees.

This Bill will put Seafood and Aquaculture product marketing in the hands of those who are affected by the sales, thus making the marketing more effective for those in the seafood business. Also the MDA will be using funds from existing fees so there is the added benefit of no new fees.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, supports this bill and asks 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