



January 31, 2017

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

Re: **HB 268** - Personal Property Tax and Annual Report Filing Fee – Exemption – **Support with Amendments**

Dear Delegate Kaiser:

House Bill 268 would exempt employers having a personal property valued at \$2,500.00 or less from the payment of personal property tax.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, supports the concept of personal property tax relief for presumably small employers, given the amount of the value of the assessment referenced in the Bill. The Chamber believes that it would provide even more meaningful tax relief if the Bill were amended to exempt from the payment of personal property tax any employer whose personal property is valued at \$10,000.00 or less.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that the Committee give this Bill a favorable report with the amendment proposed above.

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