



February 15, 2017

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

RE: HB 381 – Railroad Company - Movement of Freight - Required Crew – **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Barve:

House Bill 381 prohibits a train or light engine used to move freight from being operated in the state unless it has at least two crew members, establishing penalties for specified violations, and prohibiting a county from enacting and enforcing more stringent measures.

Maryland is a state critical to the movement of freight along the entire eastern seaboard, and this requirement poses an undue hardship on railroad companies for obvious reasons. A train hauling freight would need to stop to pick up another crew member whether it is a long or a short haul just to satisfy our state requirement even though other states have no such requirement. This seems to be a solution looking for a problem. Again, this does not make Maryland appear to be a business friendly state.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, opposes this bill and asks that you give it a unfavorable 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