



January 31, 2017

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

RE: HB 531 – Right to Work – Support

Dear Delegate Davis:

This bill would prohibit requiring an employee, as a condition of employment or continued employment, to join or remain a member of a labor organization, pay charges to a labor organization, or pay an amount to a third party (maintenance or agency fees); and prohibits an employer from threatening an employee or a prospective employee for declining to join a union.

In 1935 the National Labor Relations Act was signed into law granting American employees the right to organize and be represented by a union if they chose to do so. It is far past the time when we should also grant American employees the right to choose NOT to be represented by a union they don't feel benefits them, and not force them to financially support that union. There are now 27 states with Right to Work laws.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, strongly 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