

January 30, 2017

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West, Miller Senate Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 284 – Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition – **Support**

Dear Senator Kasemeyer:

Senate Bill 284 would prohibit the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or similar fees, tolls, or taxes. It would also prohibit the State or a local jurisdiction from requiring the installation of a device in or on a privately owned vehicle to facilitate the reporting of vehicle-miles traveled; and providing for the application of specified provisions of the Act.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, supports this prohibition as any levy of such taxes would have a negative impact on businesses or persons required to do a lot of driving to successfully execute their position. Such taxes would place an undue burden on businesses and their employees.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Mike McMullin

President

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Justin Ready Delegate Susan Krebs

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