



March 7, 2017

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

RE: HB 229 – Environment – Polystyrene Food Service Products and Polystyrene Loose Fill Packaging – Prohibition on Sale – **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Barve:

House Bill 229 would prohibit polystyrene products statewide which would do nothing but harm businesses. Polystyrene is a cost effective product that has been used in the country for decades. It has been scientifically evaluated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is safe.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce opposes any legislation that creates significant cost increases and job loss though the unilateral prohibition of longstanding, common practices used by existing businesses in the state.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, opposes this Bill and asked that you give it an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Susan W. Krebs
Senator Justin Ready