



January 31, 2018

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: HB 0135 – Health Insurance – Coverage for Male Sterilization – High – Deductible Health Plans – Support**

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

This bill will reverse the damage done by a bill passed in 2016, but taking effect on January 1, 2018. That bill effectively prevented a whole class of health insurance plans – HSA-qualified plans – from being sold in Maryland, due to a provision in direct opposition to IRS regulations. While actions can sometime have unintended consequences, this situation could have been avoided by seeking the proper counsel prior to passage.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill correction and therefore requests 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 Haven Shoemaker  
Senator Justin Ready