



January 22, 2018

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

**RE: HB 0180 – Railroad Company - Movement of Freight - Required Crew – Oppose**

Dear Delegate Barve:

House Bill 0180 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 600 members, opposes this bill and asks that you give it an unfavorable 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