



January 22, 2018

The Honorable Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.
Judiciary Committee
Room 101, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0289 – Civil Actions – Noneconomic Damages – Oppose

Dear Delegate Vallario:

House Bill 0289 increases the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in specified wrongful death actions or survival actions arising on or after October 1, 2018. It provides that a jury may be informed of specified limitations on noneconomic damages in specified civil actions.

Increasing the amounts of noneconomic damages and then informing juries of the limitations provided in the law will automatically tend to have said juries gravitate toward the absolute limits of the law, thus increasing the cost of doing business in the State of Maryland, and once again, making Maryland unattractive to businesses looking to relocate from other areas.

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 cursive script that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Senator Justin Ready