

January 29, 2018

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis Economic Matters Committee Room 231, House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 0538** – Environment - Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition – **Oppose** 

Dear Delegate Davis:

House Bill 0538 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 600 members, opposes this Bill and asked that you give it an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

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Mike McMullin President Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker Senator Justin Ready