



January 22, 2018

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD. 21401

Re: SB 165 – Income Tax – Flat Tax – Support

Dear Senator Kasemeyer:

Senate Bill 0165 altering the State income tax rate to 3.9% for individuals with Maryland taxable income in excess of \$30,000; and applying the Act to taxable year beginning after December 31, 2018, is a good bill and deserves our support.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill as it simplifies the current Maryland Income Tax Code and makes the State more competitive with our adjacent neighboring States. For your reference; Pennsylvania's tax rate is 3.07%, Virginia's is 2% and Delaware's is 2.2% at the comparative income levels for their residents.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Justin Ready
Delegate Haven Shoemaker