

January 31, 2017

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

**Re:** SB 0318 – Income Tax – Standard Deduction - Alteration – Support

Dear Senator Kasemeyer:

Senate Bill 0318 altering the determination of the amount of the standard deduction allowed for an individual under the Maryland income tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of around 600 members, supports this bill as it will provide more "in pocket" spending money for the taxpayers of our State. Such action always benefits small businesses and our economic climate.

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

Sincerely,

Mike McMullin

President

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CC: Senator Justin Ready

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Delegate Haven Shoemaker