



January 30, 2018

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

Re: SB 0538 – Corporate Income Tax – Throwback Rule – Oppose

Dear Senator Kasemeyer,

Senate Bill 0538 would require that specified sales of tangible personal property be attributed to the State corporate income tax calculation for apportionment purposes. It would apply specifically if the corporation sale is not taxable in the state of the purchaser. It would apply the Act to taxable years after 2016.

The bill will increase the complexity of the corporate tax calculations for multistate corporations. This would discourage multi state corporations from doing business in the state. The Legislative Committee of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce opposes this bill.

We believe Senate Bill 0538 is a step in the wrong direction towards fostering a more attractive climate for business in our state.

The state of Maryland is at a critical juncture as the competition to attract new business and individuals is increasing. Moreover, the move toward increased regulation has had a negative impact on our business climate. We need to reverse this cycle for the future generations of Marylanders or we continue to lose both residents and businesses and at the same time become unattractive to those who are looking reside in Maryland

We therefore ask that your committee consider the negative impact of Senate Bill 0538 and give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

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