



February 21, 2018

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

**RE: HB 1417 – Healthy Working Families Act – Delay of Effective Date – Support**

Dear Delegate Davis:

While the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes the Healthy Working Families Act, it does support delaying the effective date – not just the enforcement efforts. This law is already having a decidedly negative impact on all Maryland's businesses, but small business in particular. Having additional time to comply with the large number of restrictive provisions will help both business and the State of Maryland. The more time business has to implement this law will result in less time and funds the state will need to spend investigating and penalizing non-conformance.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill and therefore requests that you give it a favorable 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