



February 20, 2018

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0026 – Community Healthy Air Act – Oppose

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

HB 0026 establishes the Committee on Air Quality; provides for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Committee; prohibits member of the Committee from receiving certain compensation, but authorizes the reimbursement of certain expenses; requires the Committee to create a certain air quality sampling and monitoring protocol on or before a certain date; requires the protocol to establish the methodology for the Department of the Environment to use to quantify and assess certain data.

The EPA is in the process of a detailed natural protocol for air around large animal concentrations, it therefore makes no sense why Maryland taxpayers should pay millions of dollars to duplicate the same process.

We therefore ask that your committee consider the negative impact of HB 0026 and give this bill an unfavorable 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