

February 23, 2018

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

**Re:** SB 0830 – Income Tax – Standard Deduction – Inflation Adjustment – Support

Dear Senator Kasemeyer:

Senate Bill 0830 increasing the minimum and maximum limitation amounts of the standard deduction allowed under the State income tax for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, by a certain cost-of-living adjustment.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill as such actions can only benefit the economic climate and Maryland's competitiveness with our neighboring States.

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

Delegate Haven Shoemaker