



February 8, 2018

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

**RE: SB 0995** – Corporate Income Tax – Single Sales Factor Apportionment – **Oppose**

Dear Senator Kasemeyer,

Senate Bill 0995 would change the current multi-state corporation allocation to a single factor in order to apportion income tax. Although other states use a single factor to apportion corporate income like Texas and California, we believe this will have a detrimental effect on agriculture, manufacturing and service businesses. These are core businesses in Maryland.

The Legislative Committee of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce opposes this bill as we believe it will discourage business development and discourage businesses to remain in the State of Maryland.

We believe Senate Bill 0995 is a step in the wrong direction towards fostering a more attractive climate for business in our state. This is especially true with nearby states having more favorable tax rules.

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 at our state as a place to call home.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members therefore asks that your committee consider the negative long term effects of Senate Bill 0995 and give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

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Delegate Haven Shoemaker

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