

January 9, 2019

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

**RE: HB 0038** – Labor and Employment - Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses – **Oppose** 

Dear Delegate Davis:

HB 0038 seeks to prohibit non-compete and conflict of interest agreements for employees earning less than \$15 per hour or \$31,200 per year.

Rate of pay or level of position is not an entirely accurate method of determining which employee(s) should or should not be subject to such clauses. A bill such as this takes away the rights and discretion of employers to manage their business as them deem appropriate.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of more than 600 members, opposes this bill and therefore requests that you give it an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

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CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker Senator Justin Ready