

February 22, 2019

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

RE: HB 0503 – Employers of Ex-Offenders - Liability for Negligent Hiring or Inadequate Supervision – Immunity – **Support**

Dear Delegate Davis:

This bill would provide immunity to employers in the manufacturing, shipping/receiving, warehousing and certain construction industries from negligent hiring or supervision of exoffenders.

We feel this legislation would be a positive move to encourage more employers to offer meaningful job opportunities to ex-offenders, without putting them at increased risk of expensive and damaging litigation.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill asks that you give it a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Mike McMullin

President

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker

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Senator Justin Ready