



February 11, 2019

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Finance Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 0680 – Responsible Workforce Development Percentage Price Preference Act –
Oppose**

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

House Bill 0680 requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations to require certain units to establish a responsible workforce development percentage price preference of at least 4%; requiring a procurement officer to apply a responsible workforce development percentage price preference if a certain certification is submitted or if a bidder is a minority business enterprise; requiring certain responsible bidders and subcontractors to certify that certain health care expenses were at least 10% of certain wages paid over a certain period; etc.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of around 600 members, oppose this bill as it will become too exclusive for smaller businesses to compete for contracts with such regulations.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Senator Justin Ready

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