



February 12, 2019

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

RE: HB 0976 – Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage - Establishment by Counties -
Oppose

Dear Delegate Davis:

HB 0976 would prohibit any minimum wage law from including a county pre-emption clause. Currently, counties *are* allowed to set minimum wage rates that differ from the state minimum wage (Montgomery and Prince Georges counties). This bill is meant to prevent pre-emption of any other law passed. Having multiple minimum wage rates throughout the state has, and if allowed to continue, will cause harm to businesses with multiple locations. Maintaining multiple wage structures is both costly and time-consuming and will add to the business-unfriendly reputation of the state.

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

Sincerely,

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

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Senator Justin Ready