



February 18, 2019

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD. 21401

**RE: SB 0433** – Responsible Workforce Development Percentage Price Preference Act – **Oppose**

Dear Senator Pinsky:

Senate Bill 0433 requires 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%. Also, 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. It also requires certain responsible bidders and subcontractors to certify that certain health care expenses were at least 10% of certain wages paid over a certain period.

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: Senator Justin Ready  
Delegate Haven Shoemaker