



February 19, 2019

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0492 – Investment in Job Skills Act of 2019 – **Support**

Dear Senator Pinsky:

Senate Bill 0492 establishes the Career and Technology Education Grant Program. While, authorizing, rather than requiring, the Governor to appropriate at least \$3,000,000 in the annual budget for Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships. It also requires the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to create a statewide media campaign to promote participation in career and technical education, apprenticeships, and workforce development in workforce shortage occupations.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of around 600 members, supports this bill as such a program will support workforce training in occupations that are experiencing shortages of qualified candidates while providing skilled education opportunities to applicants.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Justin Ready
Delegate Haven Shoemaker