

January 16, 2020

The Honorable Will Smith Judicial Proceedings Committee 2 East, Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 0157 – Employers of Ex-Offenders - Liability – Immunity – **Support**

Dear Senator Smith:

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: Senator Justin Ready

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Delegate Haven Shoemaker