



February 24, 2020

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 0817 – Regulations Affecting Small Businesses - Certification of Comparable Local Regulation – Support with Amendment

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

House Bill 0817 would relieve small businesses from having to comply with both State and local regulations on the same subject matter by allowing a state agency to certify that, when proposing a new regulation, compliance with a regulation adopted by a unit of local government of a comparable nature will constitute compliance with the proposed regulation.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this attempt to relieve small businesses of the burden of overlapping regulations. The Chamber does suggest that the bill be amended to require the state agency to make such certification, rather than making it discretionary, so that small businesses can be assured of such relief from duplicative regulations.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that your committee give this bill a favorable report with the proposed amendment.

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