



February 10, 2020

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 1198 – Income Tax Credit - Small Businesses - Student Interns – **Support**

Dear Delegate Kaiser:

House Bill 1198 allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain small businesses that hire high school or college interns or apprentices under certain circumstances. While also establishing that a business may not claim the credit for more than three interns or apprentices. The bill also provides that the credit may not exceed the lesser of \$2,500 for each intern or apprentice or the State income tax imposed for that taxable year. It would require a small business to submit certain documentation to qualify for the credit; etc.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill as it will encourage small businesses in the hiring of interns and apprentices which improves the State's economic climate while providing more opportunities for the workforce to gain experience and knowledge in a specific field.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Senator Justin Ready