

February 20, 2020

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis Economic Matters Committee Room 231, House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 1415 – Health Facilities - Residential Service Agencies - Compliance with State Labor Laws – **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Davis:

This bill would place specific requirements on businesses operating and licensed as Residential Service Agencies, that are not required of other, similar types of businesses. It requires the agency certify its adherence to certain, unnamed "labor laws", but seems to focus on the distinction between employees and independent contractors. State law already regulates this issue and there does not appear to be any justified or articulated reason to require additional steps by a particular type of business.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, opposes this bill. We therefore request that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

Mike McMullin

President

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker

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Senator Justin Ready