



February 20, 2020

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley  
Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: SB 0403 – Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Agricultural Stands – Support**

Dear Senator Kelley:

Senate Bill 0403 would exempt from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law individuals employed at agricultural stands that primarily sell at retail perishable or seasonal fresh fruits, vegetables or horticultural commodities that the employer has produced.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill to provide farmers with more flexibility to decide what the employees should be paid; perhaps allow savings to farmers to help boost the agricultural community; and relieve the regulatory and paperwork burden on farmers.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that your committee 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: Senator Justin Ready  
Delegate Haven Shoemaker