



January 29, 2021

The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Judiciary Committee
Room 101, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **HB 0508** – COVID-19 Claim - Civil – **Support**

Dear Delegate, Clippinger:

HB 0508 would hold that a person, or entity, covered by this bill is immune from any COVID-19 claim, unless the person's or entity's actions amount to gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing.

We are experiencing a global pandemic. Community transmission is widespread in every state in our country. Except in very narrow circumstances, attempting to claim that contracting COVID-19 was caused by any particular business or other site, is unreasonable and unsupportable.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill. We therefore request 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