



January 29, 2021

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

RE: **SB 0502** – Labor and Employment - Maryland Wage and Hour Law - Agricultural Stands, Retail Farms, and Farmers' Markets – **Support**

Dear Senator Kelley:

This bill will establish an exemption from the minimum wage for an individual employed at an agricultural stand, a retail farm, or a farmers' market that primarily sells agricultural products that the employer has produced.

This exemption would be in line with existing exemptions for many agriculture workers and others. Such an exemption would be a strong positive for our state's family-owned farms and the accessible and affordable farmers' markets operated throughout the state.

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