



February 22, 2020

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

**Re: HB 1137** – Property Tax Credit – Business Entities – State of Emergency – **Support**

Dear Delegate Kaiser:

House Bill 1137 would grant Baltimore City and all counties the authority to grant a tax credit against local corporate property tax imposed on real or personal property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a state of emergency, applying to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

The effect of the current state of emergency has had on business is well documented. Any avenue that provides some measure of relief for businesses affected by this or future states of emergency would be welcome and much needed.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, strongly supports this bill and asks that you give it a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker  
Senator Justin Ready