



January 31, 2022

Judicial Proceedings Committee
The Honorable Senator William C. Smith, Jr.
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **SB 0371** - Carroll County - Prospective Employees and Volunteers - Criminal History Records Check - **Support**

Dear Senator Smith:

SB 0371 would repeal provisions relating to obtaining a criminal history records check in Carroll County; and authorizes the Department of Human Resources in Carroll County to request, along with a submission of two complete sets of an employee's or volunteers fingerprints and certain fees, from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services a State and national criminal history records check for a prospective county employee or volunteer.

The vast majority of private employers, as well as most public employers, conduct criminal background history checks on all prospective and current employees, with good reason. Conducting due diligence on employees and volunteers who have access to a great deal of personal information on citizens, and direct access to all citizens (minors and adults) is considered a minimum requirement to afford protection to other employees, elected officials and citizens.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 680 members, supports this effort. We therefore request that you give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike McMullin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Senator Justin Ready