



February 13, 2023

Economic Matters Committee
The Honorable Delegate C. T. Wilson
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1163 – Human Relations – Protections Against Discrimination – Criminal Records - Oppose

Dear Delegate Wilson:

HB 1163 would prohibit discrimination based on criminal record in public accommodations, commercial leasing, housing and employment.

There are several state and Federal laws that currently prohibit discrimination based on criminal history. It is unclear, and unnecessary, to add yet another law. In addition, HB 1163 lacks the individual assessment of such criminal history that is allowed and specified in the other state and federal laws. The failure to include this important provision would deprive businesses of the needed ability to keep their employees, customers and property safe.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 700 members, opposes this bill and therefore requests that you give it an unfavorable 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 April Rose