



February 22, 2023

Budget and Taxation Committee
Senator Guy Guzzone
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 0020 - Sales and Use Tax - Free Period - Spring School shopping – Support

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is writing to express our strong support for Maryland Senate Bill 0020, entitled Sales and Use Tax - Free Period - Spring School shopping. As an organization representing businesses and community leaders in Carroll County, we believe that this bill would have a positive impact on our local economy and education system by providing families with an opportunity to save money on essential back-to-school supplies.

The proposed tax-free period would allow families to purchase school supplies, clothing, and footwear without paying the 6% sales tax. This tax relief would be particularly beneficial to families with limited resources, who often struggle to afford the high costs of back-to-school shopping. By providing this tax break, Maryland would be supporting families and ensuring that all children have access to the supplies they need to succeed in school.

In addition, this tax-free period would benefit our local businesses. Retailers, both large and small, would see an increase in sales during the tax-free period, which would in turn stimulate the local economy. Furthermore, this bill would incentivize families to shop locally, supporting our local businesses and keeping more money in our community.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 700 members, fully supports this bill and believes that it would have a positive impact on our local economy, families, and education system. We urge you to support this bill and therefore requests 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 April Rose