



March 1, 2023

Ways and Means Committee
Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **HB 0142** – More Local Tax Relief for Working Families Act of 2023 – **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Atterbeary:

This bill would allow for the increase of County local income tax rates. Maryland is already an expensive state in which to live and retire. We would hope that the current caps would remain in place and that further increases would not be passed. We continue to strive for Maryland businesses to remain competitive, individuals and retirees to be able to afford to stay in the state of Maryland and to build more competitiveness with other states in the region.

We do appreciate the bill's language limiting how much the rate may be increased annually and the language that protects income earners in the lowest income brackets. While opposed to this bill overall, we would be in favor of these items if the bill did move forward.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 700 members, supports this bill and therefore requests that you give it a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate April Rose
Senator Justin Ready