



February 28, 2023

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

RE: **HB 0936** - Income Tax - Credit for Cybersecurity Measures Undertaken by Small Businesses - Support

Dear Delegate Atterbeary:

On behalf of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express our strong support for Maryland HB 0936 - Income Tax - Credit for Cybersecurity Measures Undertaken by Small Businesses.

The steep increase in successful cybersecurity attacks has been devastating to small businesses. Cybersecurity measures are expensive, and many businesses choose to go unprotected. This not only impacts the business in question, but it also exposes all businesses that they do business with, as well as consumers, creating a ripple effect throughout the business community.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and we must do everything we can to support their growth and success. HB 0936 provides a much-needed incentive for small businesses to invest in cybersecurity measures that will protect their businesses and the businesses they work with from cyber threats. By providing a tax credit for the costs of cybersecurity measures, we can help ensure that small businesses have the resources they need to protect their assets and their customers' data.

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,

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