



February 28, 2023

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

RE: **SB 0254** - Business Regulation - Charitable Contribution – Definition - **Oppose**

Dear Senator Smith:

SB 0254 would alter the definition of "charitable contribution" to exclude donations of property intended for benevolent purposes.

Non-profits are already struggling to keep up with the demands of the community during these challenging times, and this bill could reduce charitable donations even further. Charitable organizations play a critical role in our communities, and we must ensure that they have the resources they need to carry out their missions effectively.

We urge you to vote against SB 0254 and support policies that encourage and support charitable giving.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 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