



Date: January 15, 2025

Finance Committee
Senator Pamela Beidle
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 0058 – Parental School Engagement Leave Act - Oppose

Dear Senator Beidle:

SB 0058 would provide *at least* 12 hours of PAID parental school engagement leave each school year, over and above any other type of leave provided. This would apply to employers with 50 or more employees.

Currently, Maryland has upwards of 8 (or more) laws requiring leave (both paid and unpaid). This is in addition to several Federal leave laws. It has repeatedly been established that Maryland is not business-friendly. Mandated benefits such as this only contribute to that conclusion.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 700 members, opposes this bill. We therefore request that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McMullin".

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Chris Tomlinson
Senator Justin Ready