

February 25, 2025

Economic Matters Committee Delegate C. T. Wilson Room 231 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 1096 – Fraud Prevention and Workers Protection – Oppose

Dear Delegate Wilson:

This bill is designed to focus on larger employers who have violated workers' payment of wages and rights. Generally, this is an isolated problem. This bill expands the power of the Attorney General to allow the Attorney General to bring action against an employer separate from the employee. Generally, employers follow established laws that are already in place. Business owners do not need further regulations and powers given to the Attorney General.

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,

Mike McMullin

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President Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Chris Tomlinson Senator Justin Ready