



Testimony offered on behalf of:  
THE GARRETT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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IN OPPOSITION TO:  
HB 919 – Coal – Tax Credits and Exemption - Repeal

Ways & Means Committee  
February 18, 2020

On behalf of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, representing 600 member organizations in Western Maryland, I write to express our opposition to **HB 919 – Coal – Tax Credits and Exemption - Repeal**.

The General Assembly should support working coal mines in Maryland as they provide important jobs for the residents of this state and generate significant tax revenue. Providing a tax credit to Maryland public service companies for purchasing Maryland mined coal is an incentive that helps to protect the employees and preserve the tax revenue from those working mines. Repealing the tax credit only serves to encourage public services to purchase coal from outside the state.

The Chamber respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE committee report on HB 919**.

Sincerely,

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