

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

## IN SUPPORT OF:

HB 969 - Public Service Company Franchise Tax - Credit for Purchase of Maryland Minded Coal - Extension

## 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 support of <a href="HB 969">HB 969</a> – Public Service Company Franchise Tax – Credit for Purchase of Maryland Minded Coal - Extension.

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. Extending the tax credit encourages public services to purchase coal from Maryland companies and employees.

The Chamber respectfully requests a FAVORABLE committee report on HB 969.

Sincerely,

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