



January 26, 2024

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

**HB 0244** - Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act - Civil Penalties - Alterations - **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Wilson:

This bill will alter civil penalties for violations of the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act by raising and annually increasing the maximum and minimum civil penalties charged to employers found to have violated MOSH regulations.

The initial increase more than doubles current penalties. It seems that this is meant to be more punitive than corrective in nature. We fail to see how relying on penalties rather than education and corrective action will improve workplace safety.

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