

February 5, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 642 – Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Indoor Trampoline Parks

Dear Chair Smith and Distinguished Committee Members,

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of almost 675 member organizations with over 40,000 employees, supports **Senate Bill 642 – Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Indoor Trampoline Parks**, and we respectfully ask you to vote in support of this legislation.

SB 642 would allow commercial recreational facilities (excluding trampoline parks) to protect themselves from negligent claims using contracts/agreements/waivers, which a business would have their customers sign to hold them harmless from liability for bodily injury.

Waivers and releases are commonly used by businesses to reduce their liability exposure and are often required to by their insurer to secure coverage. When signed by a willing and competent adult aware of the terms, these waivers are a critical part of many small business operations.

Again, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our almost 675 members representing over 40,000 employees, supports **Senate Bill 642 – Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Indoor Trampoline Parks**, and we respectfully ask you to vote in support of this legislation.

Please contact me at 301-739-2015, ext. 102, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Paul Frey, IOM
President & CEO