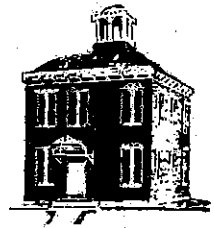


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March 7, 2016

The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 664 – Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits Act

Dear Chairman Middleton:

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the Finance Committee give an Unfavorable Report to Senate Bill 664 – Fair Scheduling, Wages, and Benefits Act.

Although the intent of the bill is positive, there are several intended and unintended consequences as a result of the proposed mandates when looking at their practical application to a variety of business segments. This bill is over-reaching and prevents employers from being flexible in meeting the day to day demands of their business and the economy. Furthermore, the bill does not contain adequate exemptions for small businesses that will be disproportionately affected by this legislation and will create additional administrative and financial burdens. In a time where we are trying to put people back to work and improve Maryland's business and entrepreneurial climate, this bill would have an adverse effect. Therefore, the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce opposes Senate Bill 664.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremy G. Irons
Legislative Committee Chair

Stuart C. Czapski
Executive Director

cc: Honorable John C. Astle, Vice Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Senate Finance Committee Members
Western Maryland Delegation