

February 6, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: HB0216 – Environment – Salt Applicator Certification Program – Establishment**

Dear Chairman Barve:

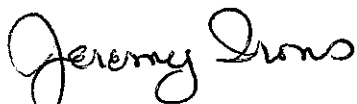
The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests the Environment and Transportation Committee give an **Unfavorable Report** to House Bill 0216 – Environment – Salt Applicator Certification Program – Establishment.

It is the position of our Chamber to oppose bills which disproportionately affect this part of the State of Maryland, particularly through the creation or expansion of programs that target private, small businesses. Those which provide salt application services will be faced with fees, lost revenue for training, and additional expenses for recordkeeping and reporting. Much of this will be passed on to customers through increased prices, but falls at a time in which price increases and economic instability are already creating hardships, and Western Maryland will be greatly impacted given our winter weather occurrences as compared to other parts of the state.

On behalf of those businesses that will be most affected by the proposed certification program in HB0216, we respectfully request an **unfavorable report**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeremy G. Irons  
Legislative Committee Chair



Juli R. McCoy  
Executive Director

cc: Honorable Dana Stein, Vice Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
Environment and Transportation Committee Members  
Allegany County Delegation