



March 2, 2026

Judiciary Committee  
Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett  
100 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: HB 476 – Civic Actions – Non-Economic Damages – Personal Injury and Wrongful Death -  
Oppose**

Dear Delegate Bartlett:

In reviewing this bill, we feel that repealing limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions would further increase the costs of doing business in Maryland. Increasing these limits would increase the number of legal actions taken against businesses in hope of higher settlements. Insurance coverage for employers would become increasingly more expensive and difficult to obtain for some business. We respect the goal of protecting employees and believe employers should be held accountable for their actions. As written this bill would add to the numerous regulations that make doing business in Maryland more difficult than other states.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 700 members, opposes this bill. We therefore request that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McMullin".

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Delegate Chris Tomlinson  
Senator Justin Ready