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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky 2 West Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Email: AA EHE@mlis.state.md.us

Re: SB0246 - Environment - Salt Applicator Certification Program - Establishment

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests the Finance Committee give an **Unfavorable Report** to Senate Bill 0246 – Environment – Salt Applicator Certification Program – Establishment.

It is the position of our Chamber to oppose bills which disproportionately may affect this part of the State of Maryland, particularly through the creation or expansion of programs that target small businesses. The small businesses that provide salt application services will be faced with fees, lost revenue for training, and additional expenses for recordkeeping and reporting, none of which can be passed on to customers, and Western Maryland will be greatly impacted given our winter weather occurrences as compared to other parts of the state.

On behalf of the small businesses that will be most affected by the proposed certification program in SB246, 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 Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Members

Western Maryland Delegation