

RMC Legislative Committee
Monday, January 14, 2019
3:00pm-4:00pm
Conference Call
Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Lindsay Thompson, Co-Chair
Odette Ramos, Co-Chair
Debbie Bowden
Delegate Andrew Cassilly
Senator Adelaide Eckardt
Kurt Fuchs
Kimberly Kratovil
Carol Masden
Steve McHenry

Don Mulrine
Danielle Naundorf
Greg Padgham
Janice Palmer
Rick Pollitt
Alice Settle-Raskin
Cassie Shirk
Scott Warner
Lara Wilson

RMC Staff:

Charlotte Davis, Executive Director
Meredith Donaho, Program Administrator
Amanda Clevenger, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:03 pm.

Minutes

The meeting minutes from the December 17, 2018 Legislative Committee were shared. Co-Chair Thompson requested changes and approval of the minutes. No changes were requested. The meeting minutes from December 17, 2018 were unanimously accepted.

2019 Legislative Priorities

Copies of the 2019 legislative priorities were shared. A paragraph was regarding economic growth was added, and a line regarding support for private investment in opportunity zones were added to the final document.

Legislative Tracking

Copies of the legislative tracking as of January 14, 2018 were shared. SB34 – Tourist Area and Corridor Program and Task Force on Attraction Signs will be added for monitoring to the tracker.

A request was made to submit a letter of support for HB20 - State Agricultural Land Transfer Tax - Nonagricultural Use Exemption – Repeal. The Committee was in agreement to submit a letter of support.

New Business

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Attachment

The Maryland Cash Campaign shared a flyer with the Committee regarding support for the EITC.

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Charlotte Davis will follow-up with the Maryland Cash Campaign to find out how many rural taxpayers take advantage of the tax credit compared to urban, and if a disparity exists.

Welcome Breakfast for Legislators – January 18th

The RMC will host a Welcome Breakfast for Legislators on Friday, January 18th, 7:30am – 10am, at the Calvert House in Annapolis. The registration link was shared and all Committee members were invited to attend.

Rural Maryland Day

The RMC is currently working on developing talking points for Rural Maryland Day on February 14th, and setting up appointments with legislators in the morning.

Updates

Senator Eckardt shared that she will be introducing legislation this session on creating a task force to address the prevalence of lyme disease, and ways to reduce risk and increase awareness.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, January 28, 2019, 3pm-4pm, Conference Call