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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair
Appropriations Committee
Room 121
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support of HB 737; Local Governments – Income Tax Disparity Grants – Amounts

Dear Delegate McIntosh:

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, by a vote of 5-0, supports House Bill 737. It would extend Income Tax Disparity Grants to low income counties for an additional two years.

The Income Tax Disparity Grant provided pursuant to Md. Code, Local Gov't Art. § 16-501 has been an important tool for lower income counties in Maryland to meet the demands of funding vital services to citizens. The Disparity Grant provided Washington County \$7.7 million in FY21, which is a significant contribution to the County budget and meeting the needs of Washington County residents. Extension of this grant by two years would be a huge benefit to stabilizing the budget and projected planning of the County.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County respectfully urges the Committee to enact HB 737.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
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BY: 
Jeffrey A. Cline, President