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February 25, 2020

Dear Chairwoman McIntosh and members of the Appropriations Committee,

The Carroll County Delegation unanimously voted in favor of HB645 entitled "Carroll County – Public Facilities Bonds" during our Delegation meeting on January 23rd.

House Bill was approved unanimously, 8-0, by the Carroll County Delegates.

The Carroll County Delegation respectfully requests a **favorable** vote on House Bill 645.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Haven Shoemaker".

Delegate Haven Shoemaker

Chair, Carroll County Delegation



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Support HB 645

Carroll County – Public Facilities Bonds

House Appropriations Committee

What is this bill?

- This bill would give the Carroll County Commissioners the ability to issue up to \$38.25 million in general obligation bonds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or renovation of public buildings, facilities, and public works projects.
- Commission counties do not have the legislative power to create debt, General Assembly authorization is required before any bonds can be sold.
 - Carroll County is one of six counties that still operate under the commission form of government.

Why is this bill necessary?

- This bill will give the Board of Commissioners the ability to fulfill the FY '21 Carroll County Bond Authorization requests
 - This would go to many important projects, including but not limited to:
 - Critical renovations to the Career and Technology Center
 - Agricultural Land Preservation Programs
 - Stormwater Facility Renovations
 - County building systemic renovations
 - Watershed assessment and improvement
 - Etc.