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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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**Carroll County Senators**

**SB 461—Carroll County—Public Facilities Bond**

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Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

Senate Bill 461 is legislation requested by the Carroll County Senators. This bill gives 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. As it stands, commission counties do not have the legislative authority to create debt, as General Assembly authorization is required before any bonds can be sold. Carroll County is one of six counties in Maryland that still operates under the commission form of government.

If passed, the moneys issued would give the Carroll County Boards of Commissioners the ability to fulfill their Fiscal Year 2021 Bond authorization requests; of which, include Career and Technology Centers in Public Schools, storm water facility renovation, ramp and sidewalk upgrades, and many other important budgetary projects.

Senate Bill 461 was approved unanimously by the Carroll County Senate Delegation and is a cross-file of HB0645. The Carroll County Senate Delegation respectfully requests a favorable vote on Senate Bill 461.