



City of Havre de Grace

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To: Environment and Transportation Committee
From: The City of Havre de Grace
Date: February 21, 2020
Re: House Bill 0217
Position: Support

The City of Havre de Grace supports HB0217 sponsored by the Harford County Delegation. The legislation would allow low-speed electric vehicles owned and operated by the City of Havre de Grace to operate on roadways within the City without registration.

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As a tourism and arts and entertainment destination, the City is frequently inundated with a high volume of visitors, which can create congestion. An electric shuttle would not only mitigate congestion but would also serve as an economic stimulator and positively affect the City in the following ways:

- Mitigate parking and congestion issues.
- Mobilize visitors, including transit boaters from the City's parks and marinas to the City's downtown business district.
- Enhance visitor experience
- Increase economic development

An electric vehicle shuttle service would allow the City of Havre de Grace to transport visitors safely around the City in an eco-friendly manner while reducing parking and other pedestrian issues. The City of Havre de Grace respectfully asks the committee to give HB0217 a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William T. Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mayor, William T. Martin

To: Environment and Transportation Committee
From: The Havre de Grace Economic Development Advisory Board
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Respectfully submitted,



Warren R. Hartenstine, Chair
Havre de Grace Economic Development Advisory Board



The Havre de Grace Office of Tourism

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Christy Silverstein
Tourism Advisory Board