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BILL NO.: **HB 266**

TITLE: Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds - Racetrack Facility Renewal Account - Racecourse at Timonium

SPONSOR: Delegate Guyton

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 25, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 266 – Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds - Racetrack Facility Renewal Account - Racecourse at Timonium. This legislation would allot certain funds from the video lottery terminal proceeds in the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account to the racecourse at Timonium for improvements.

The Timonium Fairgrounds has long been one of the gems of Baltimore County. It is a landmark that has made significant contributions to the County’s cultural identity and is home to some of our most ambitious projects. As the State recognizes the importance of maintaining our racecourse facilities to preserve the financial benefits and historical significance of this timeless sport, it is important to ensure State investments reach facilities in all localities. This bill would provide \$350,000 towards construction and renovation of the aging facilities at the Timonium racetrack, and furthermore ensure that the State recognizes the benefits these facilities provide to all Marylanders.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 266. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.