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**Support – House Bill 266**  
**Video Lottery Terminal Proceeds - Racetrack Facility Renewal Account - Racecourse**  
**at Timonium**

Dear Chairwoman Kaiser and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium has been a hallmark of the greater Baltimore region since 1879. Over the course of its 140 year history, the fairgrounds and its race course have gone from hosting a few hundred visitors to over two million annually today. The Maryland State Fairgrounds and Agricultural Education Center actively contributes to the community by offering free playing fields, hosting multiple community events at no charge, hosting trainings for public safety workers and more recently, investing in solar panels and planting trees to mitigate environmental pollution along the York Road Corridor. While the race course and the fairgrounds continue to bring life and energy to the communities they serve, the race course requires some help in order to continue that endeavor.

House Bill 266 the same bill that passed unanimously through this committee and the House last year but was altered beyond recognition by the Senate. HB266 the appropriate and fair funding for the Maryland State Fair's Racecourse at Timonium out of the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account. Starting in fiscal year 2021, this bill would give proportional funding based on the number of live racing days at the race course.

Thank you for your consideration and I ask for a favorable report on HB266.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Guyton". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Delegate Michele Guyton