



The County Commissioners of Kent County
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March 3, 2022

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SUPPORT of House Bill 1187 / Senate Bill 726 Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution

Dear Chair Kumar and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland support House Bill 1187 / Senate Bill 726 Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution. Due to drastic decreases in sharing funding of the Highway User Revenues by the State, in the last 12 years, the County's roads investment in funding has had by necessity, to defer investment in capital road improvements to work to preserve the existing road network. The backlog of capital projects includes paving, signage, traffic, and safety improvements. Without an impactful restoration of the fair share of funding, the long-lasting effects of a recession-driven budget cut will continue to hinder the transportation improvements needed to keep residents and visitors safe on our roadways.

We respectfully submit our full support to HB1187 / SB726.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND



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cc: The Honorable Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.
The Honorable Jay A. Jacobs
The Honorable Steven J. Arentz
The Honorable Jefferson L. Ghrist