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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND**

March 7, 2022

Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support of HB 1187; Washington County –
Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution

Dear Delegate Barve:

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, unanimously supports House Bill 1187.

Washington County has nearly 900 miles of paved, locally-maintained roads. In fiscal year 2007, Washington County received nearly \$9 million in highway user revenues. This revenue stream provided for routine highway repair, maintenance, and operations. The General Assembly changed the distribution of highway user revenues, and Washington County currently receives approximately \$2 million annually in highway user revenues. This is inadequate to provide for routine maintenance and repair of local roads, causing the County to be forced to employ disfavored cosmetic seals and pothole repairs. Since 2007, Washington County has lost approximately \$120 million in revenue that it would have historically received to maintain and repair its local roads.

This bill restores the traditional funding stream and returns highway user revenues to the local governments that maintain and repair most of the roads in the State of Maryland. Restoration of this revenue stream will directly enhance the quality of life enjoyed by county residents and visitors.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County respectfully urges the Committee to enact HB 1187.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 
Jeffrey A. Cline, President

CC: Delegate Michael W. McKay, Delegate Brenda J. Thiam; and Delegate William J. Wivell