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January 14, 2022

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Senator
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 18, “Local Government Tort Claims Act - Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc.”

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for Senate Bill 18 entitled “Local Government Tort Claims Act - Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc.”.

As a Member of the Local Government Insurance Trust (the “Trust”), and pursuant to Section 9.06(b) of the Trust Agreement, we agreed to sponsor Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (“CWDI”) for purposes of property, primary liability and excess liability insurance coverage. Senate Bill 955 alters the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Torts Claim Act to include CWDI a nonprofit corporation serving as an economic development authority of Dorchester County and the City of Cambridge pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between these parties. We ask that you look favorably upon this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. Please contact the Council’s Office at (410) 228-1700 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

Jay L. Newcomb
President

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cc: The Honorable Adelaide Eckardt, Senator
The Honorable Christopher T. Adams, Delegate
The Honorable Sheree Sample-Hughes, Delegate
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Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc.