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To whom it may concern,

The Town of Cheverly is writing to support SB101 – University of Baltimore - Shaefer Center for Public Policy- Funding. The Town of Cheverly would like to emphasize our support and appreciation for the NextGen Leaders for Public Service Program and any other training for public service leaders in Maryland.

The Town of Cheverly has significantly benefited from the NextGen Leaders for Public Service program. It provides an opportunity for students to explore different public service opportunities while being in a paid position and assisting local governments like Cheverly. Further, the students can develop connections and relationships with people in various career fields and work on many skills to add to their resumes and contribute to their personal development. It is a highly beneficial program. The Town of Cheverly has been very grateful for their consistent support. Communicating with the NextGen Leaders for Public Service Program has been consistently smooth and efficient, and we fully support funding for this organization. NextGen has provided us and many other locations with students on-site for a 15-week term, working around 240 hours. They also can extend, which the Town of Cheverly has taken advantage of with a fabulous intern provided by NextGen.

The program matches up with the student's career hopes and skill sets to align them with the host site that will best serve them. Students serve locations such as our local government, finance, IT, research, etc. The NextGen program is very versatile and easy to work with.

Our agency, the Town of Cheverly, has hosted two interns, one extending their time due to her hard work and dedication. They provided administrative support, helped plan events, helped update our policies, and plenty of graphic design work among many other things. We would like to proudly vocalize our support for this program and its direct benefit to our community.

Thank you,

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