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Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

I have introduced HB 741, which would have the State of Maryland Stadium Authority conduct a feasibility study for a Sports Tourism facility in Northwest Baltimore County. The Baltimore County Delegate supports HB 741.

Sports tourism is a growing business across the country. It creates jobs, attracts visitors and, most importantly, it creates a multi-use venue for local, regional and national sports tournaments and events in a family friendly environment. I have witnessed how these venues are attracting and accommodating large numbers of people who will have more than a single event to experience. Not too far from here, Spooky Nook in Manheim, Pennsylvania hosts multiple events and opens to the local public an opportunity to engage in a variety of sports events as an audience or participant. Sports tourism facilities generate income from the multitude of simultaneously played sports events, accommodations for visitors, restaurants, food, and beverage kiosks. A comparable sports tourism facility in Maryland could be a regional attraction that generates revenue for local businesses and the State.

We have identified a site in the upper part of District 10 that would provide ample space for a sports tourism facility. To evaluate and determine the feasibility of this venture, I am asking in my bill HB741 to have the Maryland Stadium Authority examine the concept of a sports tourism facility taking into account the long term advantages, revenue prospects and projected costs of creating this facility. I firmly believe a sports tourism facility will generate revenue for Baltimore County and the State of Maryland as a whole. I want to emphasize that I am requesting a feasibility study as a first step in determining whether this venture would be good for the local community and the State of Maryland.

Finally, I am asking the Appropriations Committee to give a Favorable vote on HB 741.

Thank you,

Delegate N. Scott Phillips