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February 2, 2024

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building  
3 West  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Opposition Senate Bill 576 –Assessment Appeals Boards and Supervisors-Regional Organization

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Somerset County Commissioners wish to express their opposition of Senate Bill 576–Assessment Appeals Boards and Supervisors-Regional Organization

As we understand this bill as presented will consolidate Local Assessment Offices and property Tax Appeal Boards. Somerset County has a local assessment staff who are extremely knowledgeable, and are very customer service oriented. We feel for a county of our size, personal knowledge of both our county and its citizens is very crucial to decisions made by the Tax Assessment Appeals Board should be made by those that live within our county.

Therefore, the Somerset County Commissioners are opposed to this legislation and ask for an unfavorable report on SB576 as proposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Laird". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Randy Laird  
Vice President

Cc: Senator Carozza