

Hon. Marc Korman, Chairman Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251, House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Hon. Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251, House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Organization: The American Council of Engineering Companies/MD (ACEC/MD)

Bill: HB940 - Local Government - Authorized Uses of Revenues From Development Impact Fees

Position: Support

Chairperson Korman and Vice-Chair Boyce,

The American Council of Engineering Companies/MD (ACEC/MD) is the representative organization for approximately 90 consulting engineering firms of various sizes across the state. These firms play a crucial role in serving both the public and private sectors by actively participating in the design and development of essential infrastructure such as public water and wastewater systems, bridges, highways, building structures, and environmental projects.

Our organization's member firms collectively employ approximately 7,000 individuals statewide, and approximately forty percent of ACEC/MD's membership is comprised of certified small, minority-owned, or women-owned businesses, reflecting our commitment to diversity and inclusion within the engineering industry. We respectfully **support** this bill.

This forward-thinking proposal marks a step towards ensuring the sustained growth and enhancement of our community. By allowing the use of development impact fees for capital investments, we are not only acknowledging the changing needs of our evolving landscape but also establishing a solid foundation for continued prosperity.

For any comments, inquiries, or further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at cfaison@acecmd.org.

Respectfully,

Chad Faison
Executive Director

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