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Senate Bill 703

Board of Public Works – Transparency Data Dashboard

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To: Health & Government Operations Committee

Position: **Favorable**

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **SUPPORTS** SB 703, which would direct the Office of the Comptroller to create and provide staff and technical support to maintain a Board of Public Works Procurement Transparency Dashboard to be made available to the public on the Board of Public Works' website. Liaisons from each member of the Board of Public Works will review the dashboard's contents for accuracy and completeness.

Similar transparency tools have been successfully implemented by local governments throughout Maryland, including Baltimore City and Baltimore County. These tools provide a valuable resource for vendors and the public to see and understand where State funds are being spent.

CBF urges the Committee's FAVORABLE report on SB 703.

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