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Via Electronic Mail

Calvert County Delegation

Re: HB0835 – Calvert County - Procurement - Local Preference

Dear Delegation:

Our sincere gratitude goes to each of you and your staff for again bringing up the local preference which we've been working to see implemented for many years now. Michael Moore, an important member of our community, was a staunch supporter before he passed a couple of years ago. Thank you for keeping us informed on important matters. We write today to SUPPORT HB0835 and request a FAVORABLE Committee report.

The Circle of Angels has also been supporting the transfer of wealth (TOW) concerns - the movement of wealth out of our rural community. We believe this bill will help to stop it and will be an incentive to keep wealth in our community.

This Bill represents our request that Title 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, Calvert County (Article 5) provide authority for the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County to enact an ordinance that establishes a local percentage preference for certain procurement contracts; and requiring the County Commissioners to comply with certain provisions of law under certain circumstances.. The Bill requires meaningful tax payer input by public hearing conducted in accordance with Sections 9-105 and 9-106 of the Local Government Article of the Md. Ann. Code. The request for authority is in recognition that the calculus of finding balance in cost and benefit to County tax payers is a complex formula that will likely require agility in listening to constituents and revisiting until appropriate balance is achieved.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions at 301-812-2779 or [circleofangelpax@gmail.com](mailto:circleofangelpax@gmail.com).

Please give this proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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