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The Honorable Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB1462 – Calvert County - Procurement - Competitive Bidding

Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and Committee Members:


The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes in **SUPPORT** of **HB1462** and requests a **FAVORABLE** Committee report. This Bill represents our request. For background, in 2018, we asked to increase the formal bid limit from \$15,000 to \$50,000. By Ch. 744 of the 2018 Laws of Maryland, the General Assembly approved, and the Governor signed into law, an increase in the formal bid limit from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

In 2023, our staff advised that we have experienced significant increases in the cost of goods and services. This serves as the impetus for our request to increase the formal bid limit to \$50,000. Our request, if approved, would bring Calvert County's formal bid limit in line with that of our neighbor, St. Mary's County.


Your thoughtful consideration of this request is sincerely appreciated. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2202 or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important local Bill.

Sincerely,


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND




Earl F. Hance, President



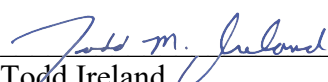
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