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February 13, 2024

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

Re: HB835 – Calvert County - Procurement - Local Preference

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

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes in **SUPPORT** of **HB835** and requests a **FAVORABLE** Committee report. 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 solicit public input and, if appropriate, adopt a local preference in competitive solicitations.

The Bill requires meaningful taxpayer 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.

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

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Earl F. Hance, President

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cc: Calvert County Delegation