

February 11, 2025

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Chair Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 698 – Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target  
Redevelopment Area**

Dear Chair Guzzone and Distinguished Committee Members,

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of almost 675 members representing over 40,000 employees, supports **Senate Bill 698 – Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area**, and we respectfully ask you to vote in support of this legislation.

The Mount Aetna Technology Park is perfectly located between Meritus Health (including the new Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine) and Hagerstown Community College. The property is “shovel ready.” It is an outstanding location for the immediate development for critical businesses that complement the work at Meritus and its medical school, as well as the students at Hagerstown Community College.

Providing an exemption from sales and use taxes for construction material or warehousing equipment, that supports the approved development on the Mount Aetna Technology Park property, will allow for expedited growth and development. The winners will be local commerce, local labor force, and the State of Maryland.

Again, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our almost 675 members representing over 40,000 employees, supports **Senate Bill 698 – Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area**, and we respectfully ask you to vote in support of this legislation.

Please contact me at 301-739-2015, ext. 102, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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