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City of Greenbelt Position Statement in Support of Maryland House Bill 1078 / Senate Bill 997

The City of Greenbelt fully supports Maryland House Bill 1078 and Senate Bill 997, which mandate a \$200 million appropriation for site redevelopment and transportation infrastructure improvements contingent upon the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters to Prince George's County.

The relocation of the FBI Headquarters to Prince George's County represents a significant opportunity for economic growth. The mandated \$200 million investment would facilitate necessary site redevelopment, attracting businesses and fostering job creation. This economic boost aligns with Greenbelt's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

Investment in transportation infrastructure is crucial for accommodating increased activity associated with the FBI Headquarters. Enhanced infrastructure would improve accessibility, reduce congestion, and promote sustainable development, benefiting both Greenbelt and the broader region.

Supporting this legislation aligns with Greenbelt's strategic objectives of promoting economic development, improving transportation networks, and ensuring sustainable growth. The city's proactive stance on these issues underscores its commitment to the well-being of its residents and the prosperity of the community.

The City of Greenbelt urges the Maryland General Assembly to pass this legislation, facilitating the relocation of the FBI Headquarters to Prince George's County and securing essential funding for redevelopment and infrastructure improvements. This represents a pivotal step toward economic vitality and an enhanced quality of life for our community.

For questions or more information, please contact Josué Salmerón, City Manager, at jsalmeron@greenbeltmd.gov.

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The Honorable Chair Guzzone Senate Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

House Bill 1078

Good afternoon, Chair Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe, and the members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams, and I will be testifying in favor of House Bill 1078, also known as **Prince George's County - Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters - Mandated Appropriation**.

This bill would require the Governor to include at least \$200,000,000 in the annual capital budget bill for site redevelopment and transportation infrastructure improvements if the U.S. General Services Administration relocates the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters to Prince George's County. As stated in the fiscal note, the bill has no effect, because general obligation (GO) bond funding of \$200 million was already authorized in years past for the FBI headquarters project and satisfies the bill's mandate. If the already authorized GO bond funding for the FBI headquarters project is repurposed, this bill merely requires the same amount of funding to be appropriated if and when the project moves forward.

The new FBI Headquarters is projected to <u>bring in 7,500 new jobs and generate over \$4 billion in economic activity</u>. Putting aside funding for redevelopment and improvements is imperative for the upkeep and proper functioning of the site and surrounding infrastructure. This bill would ensure a small but critical investment in supporting a government agency that has the potential to bring new jobs and billions of dollars to the state of Maryland.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 1078.

Sincerely,

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