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## Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Service Charges MC/PG 112-25

House Bill 1168, which was requested by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water), allows WSSC Water to establish customer classes within any given meter size. The preamble to the bill outlines WSSC Water's desire to create a distinction between commercial and residential customers who have a 1.5-inch meter size for the purpose of imposing the fixed rate Account Maintenance Fee and Infrastructure Investment Fee. According to WSSC Water, there are 4,858 customers with 1.5-inch meters, of which 969 are residential customers, and the combined fixed rate quarterly charge for customers with 1.5-inch meters is \$169, as compared to the combined fixed rate quarterly charge of \$26 for residential customers with a 1-inch meter. Although the preamble to the bill refers only to concerns about 1.5-inch meters, the bill would give WSSC Water authority to create customer classes within any meter size.

Montgomery County supports the bill and respectfully requests that the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee vote favorable on the bill.