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April 1, 2025

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Re: Letter of Support for House Bill 480 – St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems

Dear Chair Feldman:

As the Senator representing St. Mary's County, I am writing to state my support for House Bill 480 – St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 480. Thank you for your consideration of this local St. Mary's County bill. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Jack Bailey

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HB 480 - St. Mary's County - County Plans - Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems

SUPPORT

March 21, 2025

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee 2 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 480 - St. Mary's County - County Plans - Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems

Dear Chairman Feldman:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County <u>SUPPORT</u> House Bill 480 - St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems which is being heard in the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

We request a favorable report on House Bill 480. We support the introduction of this legislation and believe it would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. Thank you for your consideration as well as your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

James Randy Guy, President

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

Testimony in Support of HB480 – St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems

March 25, 2025

Good Afternoon Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee:

I am here today to present House Bill 480. The purpose of this bill is to remove old provisions of law regarding sewer and water systems in St. Mary's County and bring regulations in line with the rest of the State.

The St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission has services over 15,000 households. Currently, St. Mary's County has specific additional requirements on sewer planning not required in other Mayland jurisdictions. The Commissioners and the Planning Commission must approve any updates and changes to Water and Sewer plans, requiring two public hearings – one before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and one before the Planning Commission.

Public meetings before the Planning Commission are seldom attended by the public. These additional hearing add unnecessary bureaucracy, delay, and cost to the review process.

Removing the requirement for a Planning Commission hearing would bring St. Mary's County's public meeting requirement in line with the rest of the state still allowing for public input before approval.

Respectfully, I request a favorable report on House Bill 480 to repeal this section of the code and put St. Mary's County's Sewerage System and Water Supply System review process on par with the rest of the state.

Sincerely,

Delegate Todd B. Morgan

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES Annapolis, Maryland 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

March 25, 2025

RE: Testimony in Support of HB480 – St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems

Good Afternoon Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee:

Dear Chair Feldman:

The St. Mary's County Delegation supports HB480 St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems with a three (3) Yea votes and one (1) absent member.

The purpose of the bill is to repeal the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan Amendment Procedures, MD. Environment Code 9-506, which is uniquely applicable to St. Mary's County. The repeal will place St. Mary's County on the same footing as other counties.

We ask for the committee's consideration of this bill and a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,

Delegate Todd B. Morgan

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation