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The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone
Budget and Taxation Committee
James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street, Room 316
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone and Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 847 (2026 Session) — *Wicomico County – Property Tax Credit – Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.* — and to respectfully urge you to support this important legislation as it moves through the Maryland General Assembly.

SB 847 would authorize the governing body of **Wicomico County** and municipal corporations within the county to grant, by local law, a **property tax credit** to real property owned by Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. that supports housing development and rehabilitation. This local option tax credit is a targeted tool that can help expand access to quality, affordable housing, support neighborhood revitalization, and stimulate investments in community stability and growth.

Affordable housing is a foundational element of healthy communities. By giving local leaders a tool to partner effectively with a respected nonprofit like Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., SB 847 enables **community-driven solutions** to housing needs without placing additional burden on broader county taxpayers. This bill reflects a thoughtful, localized approach to public policy that aligns with the needs of families and neighborhoods throughout our region.

I believe SB 847 will help enhance economic opportunity and improve quality of life in our communities. I urge you to **support this legislation** and vote in favor of its passage when it comes before the Senate.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering my views on this matter.

Respectfully,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



Julie M. Giordano
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