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February 12, 2026

The Honorable J. Sandy Bartlett
Chair, Judiciary Committee
101 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 493 – Judgeships – Circuit Court and District Court favorable with Amendment

Dear Chair Bartlett:

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners respectfully submit this letter in support of House Bill 493, with an amendment to increase the number of resident Circuit Court judges in Queen Anne's County from one to two.

Queen Anne's County continues to experience population growth and increased filings across criminal, civil, family, and juvenile matters. With only one resident Circuit Court judge, the court faces significant scheduling pressures and limited flexibility to manage its caseload. Increasing the number of resident judges from one to two would improve case processing times, reduce delays, enhance access to justice, and support public safety.

For these reasons, we request that HB 493 be amended to include Queen Anne's County and urge a favorable report with this amendment.

Respectfully,

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
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