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The Honorable Delegate Maggie McIntosh
Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Support for HB 737 Extension of Disparity Grants

Dear Chairwoman McIntosh:

I wrote to you in 2018 in support of the Disparity Grants that were passed in 2018 by HB 1624. By this letter, I am supporting HB 737 the legislative bill that will extend the grants.

Being the second most underprivileged county in the state, this is a critical piece of the puzzle in allowing us to meet the Maintenance of Effort for the Board of Education. The disparity grant also helps offset the significant loss in Highway User Revenue. These grants have been very beneficial in helping us with our obligations that without them would have been almost impossible. The increased funding enhanced the fiscal stability and financial structure of Wicomico County.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support.

Respectfully,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Culver", is written over the printed name and title.

Bob Culver
County Executive