

## WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

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

Re: HB 737 Extension of Disparity Grants

Dear Chairperson McIntntosh:

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

County Executive