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Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chairman House Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251, House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Barve:

We, the undersigned members of the Allegany County Board of County Commissioners, would like to express our support for House Bill 1367: Transportation - Western Maryland MARC Rail Extension - Study.

This bill will require the Maryland Department of Transportation to study extending Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) commuter rail service to western Maryland. As you know, Allegany and Washington Counties are currently not serviced by MARC commuter service. MARC commuter rail service to western Maryland would, in short, open a world of possibilities to our citizens who otherwise commute to the Baltimore / Washington DC metro areas. This potentially worthwhile endeavor would have lasting benefit for our region.

In short, we appreciate Delegate Corderman and the many co-sponsors of this legislation and respectfully request your committee's **FAVORABLE** consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions or comments regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

The Board of County Commissioners

Jacob C. Shade, President

Creade V. Brodie, Jr., Commissioner

David J. Caporale, Commissioner