## TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND



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February 11, 2020

Chair Kumar Barve and Vice Chair Dana Stein House Environment & Transportation Committee House Office Building Room 251 Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Kumar Barve:

On December 10, 2019, at a Joint Board of Commissioners Meeting of Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County, with 13 of the 15 Commissioners present, the Commissioners agreed, without objection, to strongly support legislation raising the individual counties annual financial contribution to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to a minimum of \$125,000 each.

This action reflects the county's confidence in of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties have recognized the importance of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to the Southern Maryland Region in the areas of regional planning, transportation coordination, agricultural development, workforce development, education, and military and veterans support.

As Executive Director of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, I ask your favorable support of HB 387 so our region can continue and increase its regional collaboration that is so important to the sustainability and prosperity of our region.

Sincerely,

John Hartline

**Executive Director, TCCSMD** 



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January 30, 2020

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The Honorable Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair Environment and Transportation Committee 251 House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB387 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding

Dear Chairman Barve,

The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County supports HB387, which includes increasing, to \$125,000, the amount of money that the County Commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties are required to appropriate each year for the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. We believe the contribution of the three counties, including ourselves, fosters cooperative planning and development in the region and open access to grants not otherwise available.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, ext. 2200, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, ext. 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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cc: Senator Thomas V. Miller
Senator John D. Bailey
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John Hartline, Executive Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

# COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY



James R. Guy, President Eric Colvin, Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

#### House Bill 387

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding

Hearing: February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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### **SUPPORT**

January 30, 2020

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

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County SUPPORT HB 387 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Funding which is being heard on February 11, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Environment and Transportation Committee.

We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

James Randy Guy, President

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Cc: Senator Jack Bailey

Delegate Matthew Morgan

Delegate Jerry Clark

Delegate Brian Crosby

Commissioner Eric Colvin

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February 10, 2020

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair The Honorable Dana Stein, Vice Chair and Members Environmental and Transportation Committee Room 251, House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 387 – Tri-County council for Southern Maryland – Funding
Letter of Support – Environmental and Transportation –Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 1:00

Dear Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein and Members:

The Charles County Commissioners are seeking your support of the above entitled H.B. 387. This proposal was included in our 2020 Legislative Package, and per the council's director, the additional funding would provide a stable source of local funds to the council in order to apply for regional grants, especially at the Federal level grants and competitive grants, where matching local funds sources maybe required.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our support for H.B. 387.

Sincerely,

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President

Charles County Legislative Delegation

cc: