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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