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

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

> RE: HB 877 - NATURAL RESOURCES - STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM AND FUND

Dear Chair Barve and Chair McIntosh and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners is hereby respectfully submitting this letter of strong support for House Bill 877.

The purpose of this legislation is to increase the amount of certain appropriations to the annual budget bill for the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund. This legislation would also repeal the termination date for certain provisions of law relating to the Fund.

The Board appreciates your consideration and respectfully requests that HB 877 receive a favorable recommendation from the Committee.

Respectfully,

Paul C. Edwards

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