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February 13, 2020

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

RE: **HB 121 – Letter of Support**
St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

The Metropolitan Commission Board unanimously supports the above referenced House Bill, scheduled for hearing at 1:00 p.m. on March 3, 2020. We are also aware of the amendments to the House Bill, as prepared by the Department of Legislative Services, and are in full support of same.

We greatly appreciate the introduction of this Bill, which is a follow-up to the extensive efforts of a prior fourteen (14) member Task Force, of which Delegate Clark was an integral part. We believe that this Bill will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County, improve the readability of Chapter 113, and will provide the Metropolitan Commission with some additional flexibility and opportunity to better serve its customer base.

In the interim, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the remainder of the session.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph "Russ" Russell, Chairman

cc: Senator John Bailey
Delegate Brian Crosby
Delegate Gerald Clark
Delegate Matthew Morgan
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