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The Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1394 Highway User Revenues – Revenues and Distribution
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Barve:

The County Council of Cecil County unanimously supports HB 1394 Highway User Revenues – Revenues and Distribution, which is scheduled for hearing on March 5, 2020.

It is our understanding that this legislation will repeal the exclusion of certain motor fuel tax revenue from distribution as highway user revenue to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account, repeal an exception for highway user revenues to require that a General Assembly supermajority approve transfers from the Transportation Trust Fund, alters the amounts of capital grants based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, the counties and municipalities in certain fiscal years.

Cecil County will benefit by extending the existing funding level by dropping the end date. Our county and the rest of the state will benefit by protecting the local distributions of transportation revenues from being taken away for other unrelated projects, which will benefit funding for our county roads and bridges.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Environment and Transportation Committee consider a favorable report on HB 1394.

Sincerely,


Robert Meffley
Council President

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