

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Annapolis, Maryland 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

The Honorable Delegate Shane Pendergrass Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee 241 House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

HB 176 St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act – Closed Meetings SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Pendergrass,

Thank you for the opportunity to present this Delegation bill on behalf of St. Mary's County.

The bill was requested by the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners. The legislation authorizes a public agency in St. Mary's County to meet in a closed session to consider the investment of public funds, to consult with counsel for legal advice, and, under certain circumstances, to discuss cybersecurity.

The St. Mary's County Delegation supports HB 176 by a unanimous vote. Thank you for your consideration, and we respectfully request a favorable report.

Best Regards,

J. Mall Morga Matt Morgan

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation