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The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair
House Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 131
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Kaiser:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County to express our opposition to **House Bill 919: Coal - Tax Credits and Exemption - Repeal**, a bill aimed at eliminating the Maryland Mined Coal Tax Credit. The Board of County Commissioners remains committed to retaining the Maryland Mined Coal Tax Credit, as mining remains a source of employment for our region. In a region of the State where every job matters, and specifically with the closure of the Luke paper mill, our region cannot sustain the additional shock and trauma that would likely result from the elimination of the coal industry in our community.

As such, we respectfully ask that you deliver an **UNFAVORABLE** reporting of this job-killing piece of legislation. If you have any questions regarding the Board's position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jacob C. Shade, President
Board of County Commissioners

CC: Senator George C. Edwards
Delegate Wendell R. Beitzel
Delegate Jason C. Buckel
Delegate Mike McKay