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Mayor and City Council of Hagerstown  
Mayor Emily Keller  
1 East Franklin Street  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Dear Mayor Keller and Council Members:

As you are aware, the Maryland Stadium Authority is currently conducting a study related to a possible baseball stadium for the City of Hagerstown. In December, I was contacted by Blackie Bowen inquiring about additional ways that the Authority might be helpful in this regard.

I have known Mr. Bowen for many decades going back more than 25 years. In addition to being friends, Blackie and I have worked together on various matters which include the support of a vital industry trade group (MAPDA), we both served on the board of the Maryland Public Policy Institute (he recruited me to the board), and the Governor's 2014 and 2018 campaigns.

Mr. Bowen is a person committed to his community, the civic organizations within that community and to the State of Maryland. His reaching out to me about how the Authority assists state agencies, counties and municipalities with development and construction projects was an important step in helping organizers understand the resources available. These resources include economic impact and feasibility studies, project design, construction management and, in certain circumstances, potential financing.

The Authority looks forward to working with you and others in the community to help you make critical decisions and, hopefully, bring this project to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Kelso  
Chairman

CC: Blackie Bowen

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