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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Vote Yes on Senate Bill 362

Bill Title: Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Revenue and Distribution

Hearing Date: February 2, 2021 – Budget and Taxation

Chair: The Honorable Guy Guzzone; Vice Chair: The Honorable James Rosapepe

I write to you today in <u>support</u> of Senate Bill 362. In the aftermath of the Great Recession, the General Assembly passed legislation that diverted funds from the gas tax and motor vehicle fees, collectively known as highway user revenue. This revenue provided millions of dollars each year to local governments to fund transportation projects. For years prior to the Recession, localities and municipalities received close to one-third of the revenue, but that appropriation now stands at less than 10%.

The purpose of the Bill is to increase the amounts of capital grants calculated on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities over the next four fiscal years.

In efforts to provide support to counties and Baltimore City with its infrastructure and transportation projects, we hope that you will move for a **favorable** report of Senate Bill 362.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory V. McCray State Senator