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- City of Hagerstown
- Hagerstown Community College
- Washington Co. Free Library
- Town of Williamsport
- The Greater Hagerstown Committee, Inc.
- Hagerstown-Washington Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Visit Hagerstown (Local Convention & Visitor's Bureau)
- CHIEF (Hagerstown-Washington Co. Industrial Foundation)

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The Honorable Guy J. Guzzone  
Chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Ref; Senate Bill 926 Economic Development – Maryland Stadium Authority – Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility

Dear Senator Guzzone,

The Washington County Community Coalition (WCCC) was formed in 2005 to lobby MD State Legislators on issues that are important to the community. The WCCC brings an issue to MD State Legislators only when it has the unanimous approval of the partners. The WCCC is funded through the financial commitment of the partners. WCCC partners include Washington County Government, The City of Hagerstown, Hagerstown Community College, Washington County Library System, The Town of Williamsport, Visit Hagerstown (Convention & Visitors Bureau), Washington County Chamber of Commerce, CHIEF (Washington County Industrial Foundation), and The Greater Hagerstown Committee.

The WCCC is in full support Senate Bill 926. The Bill supports an economic development project targeting the struggling downtown district of The City Hagerstown for redevelopment and revitalization. This project will increase investor confidence in the downtown and invite young and upwardly mobile people back into the downtown to live. This project will create hundreds of walk-to-work jobs for City residents at the ballpark, our existing small businesses, and at the many dining, retail, and hospitality businesses that will follow.

Under the management of The MD Stadium Authority, as SB926 calls for, we will have the expertise and experience needed to design and build this facility. The MD Stadium Authority has completed many powerful economic development projects, helping the communities they work in to thrive. We like to think that it is Hagerstown's turn be a partner with The MD Stadium Authority in order to bring this catalytic project to a reality.

The Washington County Community Coalition urges your favorable support of Senate Bill 926.

Sincerely,

Paul Frey, *Managing Partner for The Washington County Community Coalition*