

March 4, 2021

Hon. Paul D. Corderman
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Senator Corderman,

I am a lifelong resident of Washington County and the Hagerstown, Maryland area. The purpose of this letter is to express my empathic support for the proposed Multi-Use Facility in Hagerstown. Rarely do you get an opportunity to make a single choice that will forever reshape the landscape of a community. This is one such moment. The addition of a facility like this would give an urban core that has struggled to revitalize for decades the final critical push. Not only would it create new jobs that would support the people who reside in the area and lack suitable transportation, but it would also increase foot traffic and spur likely tens of millions or more in new development dollars. We are riding the tail end of a positive wave of redevelopment of some key assets in our Arts & Entertainment District, such as the expansions of both the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts and the Maryland Theatre as well as the Cultural Trail that connects our City Center to the proposed location for this facility. But we cannot let those efforts be the end. We absolutely need this to happen to finally turn this corner.

I recognize that such an endeavor requires substantial capital and that there are many needs at this time. But once in a while, you have no choice but to seize an opportunity when it presents itself. If we miss this chance, we will lose our opportunity to add a new minor league team in a powerful modern league. At a time when baseball has been contracting and costing communities millions of potential dollars in revenue, we have a chance to expand. We are the only Maryland city to lose our minor league baseball asset. We cannot let that stand. The additional investment and tax revenue generated by this would be substantial and I feel is well worth any proposed risk.

Respectfully, I implore the legislature to vote in favor of the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Entertainment Facility. Please do not let this one in a lifetime opportunity pass us by!

Sincerely,



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