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***Senate Bill 926, (MD Stadium Authority-Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports & Events Facility)***

*Where to begin.....The help that this would create for Hagerstown and all of Washington County would be a fresh breath of air for all ages! Hagerstown has watched and visited several adjacent towns benefit from state funded projects prosper over the years and solicited them as well. As a lot of Washington County residents say, "It's our turn to receive a little help".*

*I was born and raised in a very small town in western Pennsylvania (Dubois, Pa.) that had an -8.1% drop in population from 2000 to 2010. Over the years the population was depleted due to the economic conditions and the lack of opportunities. Since that time they had some visions that Washington County has. They built several facilities with turf playing surfaces to allow for the population to stabilize and increase the value of working and living there.*

*Hagerstown is in desperate need of this help for the Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility to provide the following:*

- *Support many small businesses!*
- *Urban revitalization!*
- *Create a vibe for local investors to provide opportunities surrounding this facility!*
- *Economic impact to the City of Hagerstown!*
- *Tourism and Hospitality!*
- *Job creation!*
- *Adding local and state tax base!*
- *And many more positive reasons but most importantly, for our community gatherings that are families oriented!*

*With your help in this matter, all of us that work, live and play in Washington County can bring this facility full circle as the saying goes, "You build it and they will come". I was excited to see what transpired with my home town after they built Showers Field and what it has provided for the town. With their new facility they now host several events yearly that provide positive revenue that was much needed*

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*as this is for Hagerstown. I hope that we can count on your support for all the residents of Washington County and the City of Hagerstown to support our vision with your avenues to assist us in making our community/town a better place to work, live and play!*

**Thank you,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Radaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Michael Radaker  
President, MEC, Inc.**