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March 16, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environment Committee
Senate Office Building
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building

RE: Support of SB 931 - Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension

Dear Chairman Pinsky,

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony in **Support of SB 931 - Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would extend the date by which Prince Georges County is required to report findings on the impact of the school facilities and public safety surcharges from December 1, 2020, to December 1, 2022; and extending the termination date from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2024. The extension is important to continuing the incentive to bring transit oriented type development to the county.

For these reasons given, we request the committee give SB 931 a FAVORABLE report.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

Sincerely,

Lori Graf, CEO

cc: Members of the Senate EHE Committee

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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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POSITION STATEMENT

SB 931
Senator Jackson
(Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs
Committee)

Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public
Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension

POSITION:

SUPPORT AS AMENDED

SB 931 – Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension – Extending the date by which Prince George's County is required to report findings on the impact of the school facilities and public safety surcharges from December 1, 2020, to December 1, 2022; and extending the termination date from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2024, for certain provisions of law that reduce the school facilities surcharge for certain multifamily housing, exempt certain dwelling units from the surcharge, and authorize Prince George's County conduct a certain review and take certain actions; etc.

Prince George's County is currently required to review and make recommendations on the impact of and any changes needed to the school facilities and public safety surcharges. These findings must be reported to the Prince George's County Council, the Prince George's County School Board, and the Prince George's County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly. This bill would extend the sunset provision on both the school facilities surcharge and the public safety surcharge for reporting its findings to December 1, 2022 and extend the authority for the surcharge until June 30, 2024.

The school facilities surcharge supports new school construction costs and the public safety surcharge is used for repairs, renovations, and improvements to public safety facilities. It also helps fund our municipal police departments, with 25% of the revenue collected from projects located in municipalities going to local police departments. We appreciate the Prince George's County Senate Delegation's amendments that require the analysis of the surcharge amounts to determine if the level of revenues generated are sufficient. The Prince George's County Council supports this legislation as amended, as we welcome the analysis of these surcharges which bring needed revenue to the County.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS SB 931 AS AMENDED** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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On behalf of Prince George's County Council

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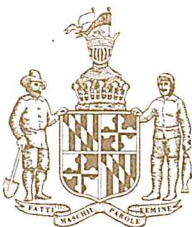
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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 931

***PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND
PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES AND REPORT –
SUNSET EXTENSION***

***EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE***

MARCH 16, 2021

Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 931 is a simple and straightforward bill that extends the Prince George's County School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges from 2021 to 2024 and correspondingly extends the required findings reporting deadline from December 1, 2020 to December 1, 2022.

Used in recent years to offset infrastructure costs created by new development, these surcharges have also been a means to study the housing framework of the county and to enact ways to better increase the supply of affordable housing both locally and Statewide.

These surcharges allow Prince George's County to offset the costs that new development presents to both public safety and education infrastructure. This legislation would merely allow the county to continue with this surcharge and to continue enabling them to use the funding that it generates to offset costs and to properly fund both its public safety and school systems.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 931.

BY: Prince George's County Senators
(To be offered in the Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 931

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “**Extension**” insert “**and Report**”; and in line 11, after “date;” insert “requiring Prince George’s County to conduct a certain review and report its findings to the members of the Prince George’s County Senate delegation and the Prince George’s County House delegation on or before a certain date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 35, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Prince George’s County shall:

(1) review and make recommendations on whether the level of funding the county receives from the school facilities surcharge and the public safety surcharge is sufficient to meet the needs of the county; and

(2) on or before December 31, 2021, report its findings to the members of the Prince George’s County Senate delegation to the General Assembly and the Prince George’s County House delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION

March 5, 2021

Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Maryland General Assembly
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
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Dear Chair Pinsky:

On behalf of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, I am requesting the Committee's support of **SB 931 - Prince George's County – School Facilities and Public Safety Surcharges and Report – Sunset Extension**. This bill was voted favorable with amendment by our delegation. Due to a unanimous voice vote in delegation of those present and participating in the vote, no vote sheet is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joanne C. Benson'.

Joanne C. Benson
Chair
Prince George's County Senate Delegation