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Maryland House of Delegates  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Maryland House Bill 635 (HB 635)

Dear Delegate Barve, Chair, and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Chevy Chase Council to express our support for HB 635 as amended to include Montgomery County.

The Town Council voted unanimously to support this legislation because the Town of Chevy Chase was severely impacted by flooding from storms on June 5, 2020 and September 10, 2020. As climate change continues, flooding has intensified in both frequency and damage. We applaud your efforts to study the historic flooding that has occurred in our area, and we support an evaluation of current flood prevention and environmental control measures. Moreover, we support the development of recommendations that will build storm resiliency as described in HB 635.

Furthermore, we support the study of our area's physical infrastructure, both its robustness and its health. We would like to know more about how to build resiliency into that physical infrastructure, especially as the density in downtown Bethesda rapidly increases and the Montgomery County Council considers its Thrive Montgomery vision for growth in Montgomery County. Essentially, we want to be prepared for the stormwater, flooding, and other environmental impacts of climate change and regard the passage of HB 635 as a significant first step.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Town Council's opinion regarding this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Cecily Baskir  
Mayor

cc: Delegate Alfred Carr  
Delegate Emily Shetty  
Delegate Jared Solomon  
Senator Jeffrey Waldstreicher  
County Council President Hucker  
County Council Vice President Alborno  
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