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The Honorable Paul Corderman
Maryland State Senator
5 Public Square, Suite 210
Hagerstown, MD 21740

RE: SUPPORT OF SB869 – TRANSPORTATION – WESTERN MARYLAND MARC RAIL EXPANSION

Dear Senator Corderman:

The purpose of this letter is to convey the City of Hagerstown's full support of Senate Bill 869 entitled **Transportation – Western Maryland MARC Rail Extension – Study**. This Bill, which has been identified as a 2021 priority for the Transit Caucus, will add a Western Maryland MARC Rail Extension Study to the Maryland Department of Transportation Statewide Transit Plan. This study will provide up to three potential routes for expanding rail service to Western Maryland. An extension of the MARC rail system would truly benefit Hagerstown and Washington County as traffic congestion continues to grow significantly along the I-81 and I-70 corridor.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

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