

Crisfield Arts & Entertainment District Project
4 E Main St
Crisfield MD 21817

Dear Senators,

I am writing in support of SB 256 which alters the definitions of "artistic work" and "arts and entertainment enterprise" for purposes of provisions of law governing the State arts and entertainment district program as well as altering the eligibility for certain persons to claim certain tax incentives and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

On behalf of the Crisfield Arts & Entertainment District, I took part in multiple public listening sessions, including Maryland State Arts Council listening sessions, that lead to the content of SB 256. In addition, as the Crisfield Arts & Entertainment (A & E) District Coordinator, I have led approximately six community meetings per month since the A & E District began its planning in 2017. These meetings are open to the Crisfield and surrounding artistic community and are attended by an average of twenty people per meeting. From the community input from these meetings, I believe that the changes proposed by SB 256 are in line with community needs.

I hope that you will favorably consider this bill.

Thank you,



Jennifer Merritt
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