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Senator Delores G. Kelley
Senate Finance Committee
East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Senator Kelley:

We, the undersigned members of the Allegany County Board of County Commissioners, would like to express our support for **Senate Bill 869: Transportation – Western Maryland MARC Rail Extension Study**.

This bill will require the Maryland Department of Transportation to study extending Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) commuter rail service to western Maryland. As you know, Allegany and Washington Counties are currently not serviced by MARC commuter service. MARC commuter rail service to Western Maryland would, in short, open a world of possibilities to our citizens who otherwise commute to the Baltimore / Washington DC metro areas. This potentially worthwhile endeavor would have lasting benefit for our region.

In short, we appreciate Delegate Corderman and the many co-sponsors of this legislation and respectfully request your committee's **FAVORABLE** consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions or comments regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

The Board of County Commissioners

Jacob C. Shade, President

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