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February 17, 2021

The Hon. Delores G. Kelley, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East; Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 541 Maryland Transportation Authority- John F. Kennedy Memorial  
Highway- Toll Plazas  
Letter of Support

Dear Senator Kelley and members of the Finance Committee:

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County unanimously support SB 541 Maryland Transportation Authority-John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway-Toll Plazas, which is scheduled for hearing on February 24, 2021.

It is our understanding of this legislation will prohibit MTA from making any capital investment in the JFK toll plaza at the toll plaza, and requiring MTA to remove the toll plaza when it becomes functionally obsolete; and relocating the new toll plaza at a new location between MD Route 279 and MD Route 272.

Cecil County residents must pay a toll across the Susquehanna River to enter the rest of the State of Maryland. This toll plaza discourages economic and social interaction between Cecil County and Harford County as well as the western shore. Relocating the toll plaza will allow eastern Cecil County residents more access to central Maryland. Many Cecil County residents live on limited incomes but must travel to hospitals, doctors, and other service providers across the Susquehanna River. In addition, this will solve a traffic problem of interstate trucks on I-95 that reroute onto Route 40 to avoid paying the toll.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Finance Committee consider a favorable report on SB 541.

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