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February 3, 2021

The Honorable Delegate Anne R. Kaiser
Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 131
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: HB 655 - Local Government – County Commissioner Elections – District Voting
OPPOSE**

Dear Delegate Kaiser:

Please consider this letter of **opposition** for House Bill 655. This bill would require an election of a county commissioner to represent a district to be decided by a plurality of the votes cast within that district; and generally relating to local County Commissioner elections. A candidate for County Commissioner would no longer need to receive an absolute County majority to represent a district. Furthermore, this must remain as a matter County's individually and not to be a matter of state law.

In Queen Anne's County, this very same question was brought to local referendum in 2016 and the citizens voted to continue electing all commissioners at large in districts. We stand by our choice of our citizens.

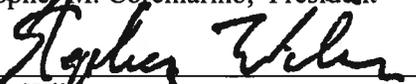
Thank you for the opportunity to **oppose** this legislation.

Respectfully,

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
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