



The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Taylor House Office Building, Room 121
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 896 - Maryland Stadium Authority - Increase of Bond Authorization -
Camden Yards

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to register my support for HB 896, which increases the caps on debt issuance and debt service amounts for the Camden Yards Sports Complex. Passage of this legislation will incentivize the Orioles and Ravens to renew their commitments to the state of Maryland, and will provide resources to increase the already significant economic impacts of the stadiums. This legislation clearly demonstrates Maryland's financial commitment to the teams and their leagues in order for them to remain in the state for years to come.

Development of the Camden Yards Sports Complex was a game changer for stadium construction, inspired a generation of urban revitalization across the nation, and continues to serve as a catalyst for economic development for our city and state. This legislation, once passed, will continue that tradition of visionary leadership.

For these reasons, we request a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 896.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steuart Pittman".

Respectfully,

Steuart Pittman

County Executive