



WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

P.O. BOX 870

SALISBURY, MARYLAND 21803-0870

410-548-4801

FAX: 410-548-4803

John D. Psota
Acting County Executive

April 4, 2022

The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
The Honorable Senator Jim Rosapepe, Vice-Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West; Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB897

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of HB897 Sports Entertainment Facilities Act of 2022. This bill would authorize the Stadium Authority to issue bonds for certain sports entertainment facilities.

We are pleased to support this legislative bill which could support future improvements at facilities such as Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, home to the Delmarva Shorebirds, an affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. The Delmarva Shorebirds provide a wonderful opportunity for our community and the counties surrounding Wicomico County. Including minor league baseball, the stadium hosts over 100 events each year which attract an annual attendance of 240,000, generates an estimated \$13.4M in local economic activity and yields over \$600,000 in State tax revenue annually.

Stadium improvements will be required in order to keep the Shorebirds affiliated with the Orioles and HB897 offers support to communities such as ours as we strive to keep economic and quality of life assets in Maryland.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 410-548-4801.

Respectfully,

John D. Psota
Acting County Executive