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HB 1059 – Bicounty Commissions - Ethics - Certification of Compliance March 23, 2022  
Before the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

HB 1059 would require each bicounty commission - including WSSC and M-NCPPC - to certify to the Ethics Commission that the commissions are in compliance with requirements related to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbying.

Certain bicounty agencies have significant decision making power and are potentially subject to considerable paid lobbying efforts at times. Information has come to light recently which has highlighted the need for this bill.

This basic certification adds a layer of needed oversight and assurance to the public that the state requirements are being taken seriously and complied with by these bicounty commissions as intended by the law.

Please consider supporting HB 1059. Thank you.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

March 23, 2022

TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

FROM: Marc Elrich  
County Executive

RE: House Bill 1059, *Bicounty Commissions – Ethics – Certification of Compliance PG/MC 103-22*  
Support

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I am writing to express my support for House Bill 1059, *Bicounty Commissions – Ethics – Certification of Compliance PG/MC 103-22*. The State ethics law currently requires a bicounty commission to adopt regulations relating to conflicts of interest of its employees, financial disclosure by its employees, and lobbying of the commission that are substantially similar to provisions in the State ethics law that apply to State agencies. This bill requires each bicounty commission to annually certify to the State Ethics Commission that the commission has complied with those components of the State ethics law. The bill is modelled after an existing provision of State law that applies to counties and municipalities. The term “bicounty commission” includes the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the Washington Suburban Transit Commission.

I believe that it is appropriate for bicounty agencies to comply with the same certification requirement that is currently applicable to counties and municipalities and respectfully request that the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee give the bill a favorable report.

cc: Members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee