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SB 399 State Government - Quasi-Governmental Units -
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The Honorable, Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
The Honorable, Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair

Written Testimony, Letter of Information

Michael J. Frenz, Executive Director, Maryland Stadium Authority

Good afternoon, Chairs Pinsky and Kagan and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, I am Michael Frenz, the Executive Director of the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) and appreciate the opportunity to provide this written Letter of Information.

The MSA is an independent unit in the Executive branch of State government and an instrumentality of the State, established under [§10-604 of the Economic Development Article, Annotated Code of Maryland](#). As such, it is *not* a quasi-governmental entity and does not belong in the category of entities otherwise included in SB 0399 (cross filed with HB 0416).

It should be noted that MSA is already subject to nearly all of the requirements in SB 0399, including but not limited to legislative audits and the State's budget process. To the extent additional reporting or audit categories are desired by the General Assembly, MSA recommends that the appropriate place for such amendments is Title 10, subtitle 6 of the Economic Development Article. Therefore, given MSA is a unit in the Executive Branch as set forth in its enabling statute. MSA respectfully requests that it be removed from SB 0399 and the cross filed HB 0416.

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