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February 24, 2022

The Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chair House Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251 House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1031 Natural Resources – Land Conservation – Establishment of Goals and Programs (Maryland the Beautiful Act) Letter of Support

Dear Chairperson Barve and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

The County Council of Cecil County unanimously supports Natural Resources – Land Conservation – Establishment of Goals and Programs (Maryland the Beautiful Act), which has been scheduled for a committee hearing on March 2, 2022.

This legislation proposes to establish the local land trust revolving loan program, which will greatly benefit county land trusts and farmers who need to borrow funds for their operations. Farming remains the leading industry in Cecil County and preserving this vital resource is essential to the future of our state and nation.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Environment and Transportation Committee consider a favorable report on HB 1031.

Sincerely;

Robert Meffley Council President

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