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February 22, 2022

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

RE: HB 410 Transportation – Highway User Revenue - Distribution Letter of Support

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

The County Council of Cecil County unanimously supports HB 410 Transportation – Highway User Revenue - Distribution. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on March 10, 2022.

It is our understanding that this legislation will increase the share of funds from the motor vehicle revenue to local governments, that will result in an increase of the percentage to Baltimore City, counties and municipalities while reducing the percentage to MDOT.

The local share of highway user revenues for FY 2025 and future years would increase from 1.5% to 3.2% for Cecil County. Highway user funds were reduced in the past because of the State's economic situation. While benefitting MDOT, county and municipal roads have suffered. Cecil County roads are in dire need of repair and upkeep.

If this legislation is not approved, Cecil County and other counties and municipalities will continue to suffer from bad road conditions.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Environment and Transportation Committee consider a favorable report on HB 410.

Sincerely;

Robert Meffley

Council President

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