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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Calvert County Delegation

Re: HB913 - Calvert County - Procurement - Local Preference

Dear Delegation:

Our sincere gratitude goes to each of you and your staff for the remarkable job of keeping us well informed as important matters progress. We write today to **SUPPORT** HB913 and request a **FAVORABLE** Committee report. This Bill represents our request that Title 6 of the <u>Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, Calvert County (Article 5)</u> provide authority for the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County to adopt a local preference in competitive solicitations. The Bill requires meaningful tax payer input by public hearing conducted in accordance with Sections 9-105 and 9-106 of the *Local Government Article* of the <u>Md. Ann. Code</u>. The request for authority is in recognition that the calculus of finding balance in cost and benefit to County tax payers is a complex formula that will likely require agility in listening to constituents and revisiting until appropriate balance is achieved.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

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cc: Calvert County Senators