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Maryland State Senate  
Finance Committee

Dear Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and members of the Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Town Council, I am writing in support of SB 376 -- County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act. This enabling legislation strengthens the original Maryland law on this subject and will streamline the process for local governments to acquire utility-owned overhead streetlights and assume ownership and maintenance. We applaud the substantial work that has been put into this matter by State legislators in conjunction with Maryland Public Service Commission staff, topical experts, and municipal stakeholders.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of SB 376 and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

Barney Rush  
Mayor

cc: Senator Susan C. Lee, Sponsor, Senate Bill 376  
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher