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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Senate Finance Committee
c/o Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senator Brian J. Feldman, Vice Chair

RE: Support, with amendments, for Senate Bill 376

Dear Senators Kelley and Feldman and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Chevy Chase Village hereby submits our support, with amendments pending from the bill sponsor, of Senate Bill 376, the County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act.

This enabling legislation will streamline the process for local governments that are considering acquisition for the ownership and maintenance of what are currently utility-owned overhead streetlights. Conversion of utility-owned street lighting to customer-owned lighting is a best practice proven to improve service reliability and reduce costs. In the case of the Village, ownership of the streetlights within our community would allow us to transition to LED technology, which would also have the benefit of reducing energy consumption.

Bill 376 strengthens the original Maryland law enacted in 2007. The Maryland Municipal League and individual municipalities were instrumental in getting the original Maryland legislation passed in 2007 and have supported subsequent efforts to strengthen the law, many of whom are also lending their support to Bill 376.

We urge you to issue a favorable report for SB 376.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Crockett
Board Treasurer (and Street Lighting Lead)
Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers

cc: Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers
Senator Susan Lee (District 16)
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