

VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE PO BOX 15887, CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

February 15, 2022

Senator Delores Kelley, Chair, Senate Finance Committee Senator Brian Feldman, Vice-Chair, Senate Finance Committee 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Support for Senate Bill 376

Via email: delores.kelley@senate.state.md.us, brian.feldman@senate.state.md.us,

Dear Senators Kelley and Feldman,

On behalf of the Village of North Chevy Chase, the Village Council supports the passage of Senate Bill 376, the County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act.

This legislation will streamline the process for local governments considering acquiring utility-owned overhead street lights and assuming ownership and maintenance. Conversion of utility-owned street lighting to customer-owned lighting is a best practice proven to improve services and reduce costs.

The Bill strengthens the original Maryland law enacted in 2007. The Maryland Municipal League and individual municipal officers were instrumental in getting the original Maryland legislation passed in 2007 and have supported subsequent efforts to strengthen the law.

We urge you to vote for passage of Senate Bill 376. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adrian Andreassi

Adrian Andreassi Chair Village of North Chevy Chase

Cc: Senator Susan Lee

Delegate Al Carr Senator Paul Pinsky Delegate Anne Healey Delegate Nicole Williams Delegate Alonzo Washington VNCC Secretary, Maury Mechanick

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