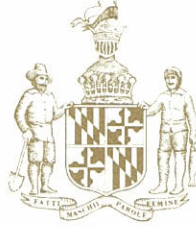


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Delegate Ben Barnes
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RE: HB 623 St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bond
UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Barnes and Members of the Committee,


Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opposition to **HB 623 St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bond**.

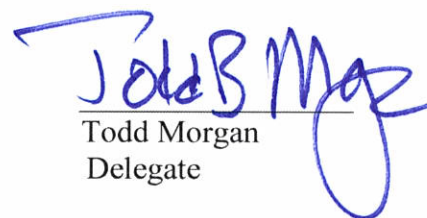
This bill is not needed. The St. Mary's County Delegation has already introduced two bills that fulfill the bond authority request from our county. The two bills, **HB 575 and HB 574** have the full, UNANIMOUS support of the St. Mary's County Delegation by a vote taken on January 31st, 2023, and have a hearing scheduled on March 7th.

If passed, HB 623 will allow taxpayer funds to benefit a privately owned enterprise without any conditions. The St. Mary's County Delegation attempted to reach a mutually beneficial compromise that would give the project the green light while offering some fiscal responsibility and protections for the taxpayer. Therefore, it was an unpleasant surprise to see that after this compromise was voted for, HB 623 was then introduced.

Please respect the legitimacy of local Delegations and give HB 623 an UNFAVORABLE report.

Thank you,


Matt Morgan
Chair
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