



# City of Havre de Grace

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Favorable with amendments - Property Tax – Constant Yield Tax Rate – Notice Requirements**

The Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace (“the City”) support SB 114 with an amendment. SB 114, if passed, would change notice requirements relating to the intention of a county or municipal corporation to set a certain real property tax rate that exceeds the constant yield tax rate.

The City believes it is time to change the current public notice requirements local governments must comply with when setting real property tax rates. The current process does not always allow local governments to convey their intentions to the public when they are setting real property tax rates and, in many instances, confuses the public. SB 114 would add some clarity to the process; however, more changes must be made to reform the procedure correctly.

The City respectfully requests the committee give SB 114 a favorable report with the following amendment.

Amendment to SB 114

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**IF THE TAXING AUTHORITY INTENDS TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE WHICH EXCEEDS THE CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE, THE NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT SHALL BE IN THE FOLLOWING FORM:**