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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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**BILL NO.:** **SB174**

**TITLE:** Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Redevelopment Areas in  
Baltimore County – Sunset Extension

**SPONSOR:** Senator Salling

**COMMITTEE:** Budget and Taxation

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

**DATE:** January 27, 2023

Senator Salling **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 174 – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Redevelopment Areas in Baltimore County – Sunset Extension. This legislation would extend the termination date for an exemption from the sales and use tax for construction material related to the redevelopment of the former Bethlehem Steel location.

Bethlehem Steel was responsible for the employment of thousands of constituents in our County for decades and became a world-wide leader in transportation, distribution, and manufacturing. When Bethlehem Steel closed their doors, it created an opportunity for Tradepoint Atlantic to bring in dozens of businesses and 12,000 permanent jobs to Sparrows Point.

Extending the sunset period beyond 2026 will help give Sparrows Point more time and opportunity to become a powerful economic force that will echo throughout the State of Maryland.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Johnny Ray Salling".