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Maryland Stadium Authority -Letter of Support
SBo442 Economic Development – Sports Entertainment Facilities –
Financing and Construction

BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The Honorable, Chair, Senator Guy Guzzone
The Honorable, Vice Chair, Senator Jim Rosapepe

Written Testimony

Gary McGuigan, Executive Vice President, Maryland Stadium Authority

Good afternoon Chairs Guzzone and Rosapepe and honorable members of the Budget and Taxation Committee, I am Gary McGuigan, Executive Vice President of the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this written Letter of Support for SBo442 Economic Development – Sports Entertainment Facilities – Financing and Construction.

HB 897, that passed last year, did not allow the Hagerstown stadium project access to the original \$200 million allocated in the bill. SB 442 will addresses that issue and also raises the limit to \$220 which is needed to address inflationary pressures that all projects are facing across the state. It is important to note that the revenue source needed to support the debt service in the amount \$25 million does not increase.

Whenever the MSA is asked to take on projects and studies our response is “we’re here to serve.” It is our sincere pleasure to serve the citizens of Maryland as we plan, finance, build, and manage innovative educational and entertainment facilities for the benefit of present and future generations.

For the reasons expressed in this letter, MSA requests a favorable report on SBo442 Economic Development – Sports Entertainment Facilities – Financing and Construction and I am available for any questions the committee may have.

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February 13, 2023

Senate Bill 442

Economic Development – Sports Entertainment Facilities – Financing and Construction

Written Testimony: Support

Senators Guzzone and Rosapepe and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

My name is Matt Libber, and I am the Executive Director of the Maryland SoccerPlex and Adventist HealthCare Fieldhouse in Montgomery County. I am also currently the Chair of TEAM Maryland, the sports marketing collective of the Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) within Maryland, and serve on the Board of Directors for the Sports Events and Tourism Association (SportsETA), the trade group for sports tourism organizations. Wearing all three of these hats provides great perspective on the impact that Senate Bill 442 would have on the economy of Maryland, and we urge you to support the Bill.

Tourism is a major part of the Maryland Economy and affects every part of the State, from the mountains of Garrett County, to the I-95 Corridor, and to the communities on the Eastern Shore and Ocean City. Sports tourism is major component of the tourism industry. In the post-COVID recovery, sport tourism was the first industry to return, which, in turn, touches so many other businesses in the hospitality and retail sectors. Sports travelers, event organizers, and venues spent \$45.1 billion in 2019, which generated \$103.3 billion in business sales when including indirect and induced impacts, according to a 2020 report from Tourism Economics. In Maryland, youth and amateur sports generates over \$225 million in direct spending for our economy. Investments by the State in sports tourism pays itself through the economic impact and development around sports events. For every \$1.00 spent on tourism advertising \$31.00 flows back into the State Economy. The additional funding that this bill provides to finance the construction and renovation of sports entertainment facilities in Maryland will only increase the impact that sports tourism has on the State.

This bill will allow Maryland to remain at the forefront of a highly competitive market. Allowing the Stadium Authority to make additional investments in our sports entertainment facilities help showcase the State to the larger sports market. Providing funding for investment in the creation of new sports venue assets, improvements to existing assets, and attracting new events to the State will provide our communities across the State to continue the work they have already done to bring world class sporting events to Maryland.



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On behalf of the Maryland Soccer Foundation and TEAM Maryland, I ask that you support Senate Bill 442. Investments like this provide both short-term and long-term benefits to the State economy. Sports tourism has proven time and again to be one of the strongest sectors of the tourism economy of this State. Sports tourism touches so many sectors of the economy its benefits will be felt throughout the State for years to come. Thank you for your consideration and support for sports tourism in Maryland.

Respectfully,

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February 13, 2023
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SUPPORT - SB0442 - *Economic Development – Sports Entertainment Facilities – Financing and Construction*
Budget and Taxation

Dear Senator Guzzone and Committee,

My name is Kristin Hanna and I am the legislative chair for the Maryland Tourism Coalition (MTC) as well as the Senior Director of Marketing for Flying Dog Brewery. The Maryland Tourism Coalition is a 50+ year old organization that represents tourism and hospitality businesses across the state. I am writing today to urge you to support the additional dollars for the financing and construction for sports entertainment facilities.

As you know, tourism greatly benefits the state of Maryland - for every \$1 spent on marketing the state, \$31 flows back into the state economy. When we have better accommodations and attractions, like stadiums, we give tourists more reasons to keep coming back to Maryland and spending more of their dollars. In 2021, 35.2 million visitors spent \$16.4 billion dollars, 12% of which was at attractions. And not only do people come for the attractions, but then they are more likely to book hotels, eat at restaurants and buy souvenirs at retailers.

As a mostly small business minded organization, we recognize the positive impact that stadiums have on all tourism related businesses, and we urge you to support the additional funded needed to invest in our sports tourism.

Sincerely,

Kristin Hanna

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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February 22, 2023

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill SB 442 Economic Development – Sports Entertainment Facilities – Financing and Construction

Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, & Members of the Budget & Taxation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 442 this afternoon. Last year, the General Assembly passed HB 897, which provided funding to our Minor League Baseball Facilities throughout the state. However, the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports & Events Facility was unintentionally and inadvertently excluded from the list of facilities. This bill would provide a technical change by adding the Hagerstown Facility to the larger list of those receiving funds across the state. Additionally, it would increase the amount available from \$200 million to \$220 million, which is necessary due to inflationary concerns that many projects across the state are experiencing.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB 442.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P.D. Corderman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul D. Corderman
District 2 – Washington & Frederick Counties

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 442 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-SPORTS FACILITIES-FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION February 22, 2023

TO: Sen. Guy Guzzone, Chair and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
FROM: Tom Clark, Political Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the Committee, please join with me in **opposition to SB 442**. This piece of legislation is just an example of how the Stadium Authority has skirted it's responsibility regarding Maryland workers and how the tax money is being shared by everyone **but** the men and women that work in our state.

For decades the Maryland Stadium Authority has taken billions of tax dollars and have exploited the working people of this state, the very same people that supply those billions of tax dollars. I use the word exploited because whenever you pay someone below the market rate, you are exploiting them. The Maryland Stadium Authority also does not believe in local hiring. Not just individuals that live in our state, but companies that make millions of dollars from Maryland taxpayers, are quite often from outside the state borders.

The easiest thing for me to do would be support SB 442 with amendments. However, I cannot accept the way the Maryland Stadium Authority has paid Marylanders below the "market rate" for years. If I were to suggest amendments, they would be:

- 1- Each construction job would be required to pay Prevailing Wages (market rate). Preferred veteran and women hiring, registered apprenticeships and local hiring.
- 2- Each General Contractor, as well as each sub-contractor must be a Maryland Business

Two simple ideas and two ideas that would be supported by the public, wholeheartedly. I now must convince the Stadium Authority to support these ideas. I was hoping this committee can send the same message to the Stadium Authority, by **opposing SB 442**. Thank you

