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Board of County Commissioners

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February 6, 2023

Senator Justin Ready 315 James Senate Office Building

Delegate April Rose 213 Lowe House Office Building

Dear Chairs Ready and Rose,



Carroll County Government

225 North Center Street Westminster, Maryland 21157 410-386-2043; 1-888-302-8978 fax 410-386-2485 MD Relay 711/800-735-2258

We support the attached legislative proposal to increase the threshold below which the County's Procurement Officer may approve bids. The current threshold is \$25,000 and we propose to raise it to \$50,000. We believe the proposed level is appropriate for two reasons; 1) it serves to keep up with the rate of inflation, and; 2) it eases the amount of work to conduct a formal bid for the very few bids that fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Procurement staff are simply executing on items included in our approved budget. We took up the proposal at our open session on Thursday, February 2, and voted 5-0 to refer the proposal to the delegation. We respectfully request that you sponsor the proposed legislation on our behalf.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

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JUSTIN READY Legislative District 5 Carroll County





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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND Annapolis, Maryland 21401

March 15, 2023

Senator Justin Ready SB 897 Carroll County - Contracts and Purchasing

Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and members of the Budget and Tax Committee:

Senate Bill 897 was requested by the Carroll County commissioners. It would increase the threshold below which the County's Procurement Officer may approve bids. The commissioners would like the threshold which is currently at \$25,000 be raised to \$50,000. The request was made for two reasons, 1) it serves to keep up with inflation, and 2) it will ease the amount of work required to conduct a formal bid for the very few bids that fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Procurement staff are simply executing items that are in the already approved budget. The last time bid amount was raised was in 2001 and it was raised from \$12,000 to \$25,000 (2001 HB 1034)

A link to the bid process and open bids can be found at: <u>https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/comptroller/procurement/bidding-procedures/</u>

The Carroll Senate and House Delegation voted unanimously in favor of SB 897, a letter from the Carroll County Commissioners, a letter of support from the delegation and voting sheet are also included.

I respectfully request a **favorable** vote on Senate Bill 897.

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND Annapolis, Maryland 21401

March 15, 2023

The Honorable Guy Guzzone Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Carroll County Senators Letter of Support Senate Bill 897 – Carroll County – Contracts and Purchasing

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

The Carroll County Senate Delegation would like to notify the Senate Committee on Budget and Taxation of their support for Senate Bill 897 – Carroll County – Contracts and Purchasing.

The above referenced bill was considered by the Carroll County Senate Delegation and was subjected to a bill hearing. The Carroll County Senators and Delegates voted unanimously in favor of the bill.

Sincerely,

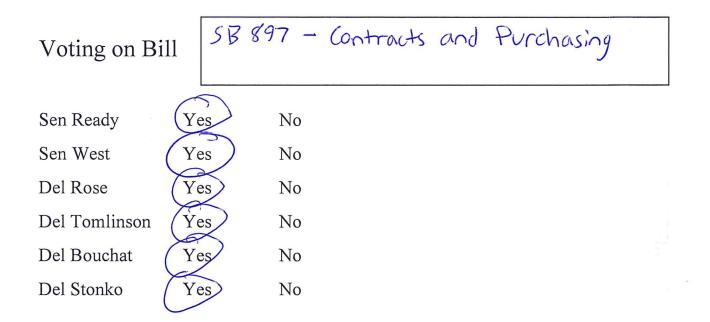
Senator Justin Ready Chair, Carroll County Senate Delegation

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Carroll County Delegation Meeting

Zoom

Thursday February 23, 2023 9:00am



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March 14, 2023



Carroll County Government

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Senate Budget and Taxation Committee 3 West Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB897 - Carroll County - Contracts and Purchasing - FWA

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of SB897 – Carroll County – Contracts and Purchasing which will raise the limit under which our Procurement Officer may authorize purchases of supplies and equipment on our behalf without requiring a formal bid process. The current limit is \$25,000 and we are asking for the limit to be raised to \$50,000 as we believe this will result in increased efficiency and reduce administrative costs. For purchases under the limit, we will continue to require the Procurement Officer to obtain three (3) competitive quotes from approved vendors. We are confident this process will continue to meet our county's needs while we, as the Board of County Commissioners, retain full authority over expenditures of county resources.

Regarding a proposed amendment we ask that the reference to the "Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing" in the bill be changed to "Procurement Officer." The position's title was changed to better align with the same position in other counties.

For these reasons we respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB897.

Sincerely,

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