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March 27, 2023

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

RE: **HB 0887 – Letter of Support**
St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

The Metropolitan Commission Board unanimously supports the above referenced House Bill, scheduled for hearing on March 29, 2023. We presented the text amendments to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Southern Maryland Delegation at a joint public meeting on December 13, 2022, and all are in full support of same.

We greatly appreciate the introduction of this Bill, which was recently heard by the Environment and Transportation Committee on March 7, 2023. We believe that this Bill will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County, improve the readability of Chapter 113, and will provide the Metropolitan Commission with some additional flexibility and opportunity to better serve its customer base.

In the interim, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the remainder of the session.

Respectfully submitted,

Rudolph K. "Keith" Fairfax, Jr., Chairman

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