

**Board of County  
Commissioners**

Edward C. Rothstein, President  
Kenneth A. Kiler, Vice President  
Thomas S. Gordon III  
Michael R. Guerin  
Joseph A. Vigliotti



**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

March 14, 2023

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,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

  
Edward C. Rothstein (COL, Ret.)  
President

  
Kenneth A. Kiler  
Vice President

  
Thomas S. Gordon III

  
Michael R. Guerin

  
Joseph A. Vigliotti