SB 633 Ravindra D. Ganvir Support

RAVINDRA D. GANVIR 5435 East Nithsdale Drive Salisbury, MD 21801

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Testimony in Support - Senate Bill 633 Thursday, March 2, 2023 Bill Hearing

Honorable Pension Subcommittee Chair Michael A. Jackson Honorable Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Honorable Senators:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill (SB) 633, which will allow me to purchase retirement benefits for my contractual service with the State of Maryland. I live in District 37 and am represented by the Honorable John F. (Johnny) Mautz IV, the sponsor of SB 633. I was a contractual employee with the Maryland Department of Transportation from April 1984 to December 1991 and has worked as a Maryland State Employee with the Maryland Department of Transportation from December 1991 to March 2009. During my years of service with the Maryland Department of Transportation I won many awards and was honored with Governor's citations.

The purpose of SB 633 is to provide a window of opportunity to purchase pension benefits to add to my years of service. This legislation is important to me because it provides the limited opportunity to purchase certain pension benefits to plan for my retirement. This bill will allow me the opportunity for financial stability my family will need during my retirement years. My family depends on me, I have been the principal and only wage-earner and it is essential if I am ever to retire that I have a living wage to rely on in my retirement years. This legislation is critical for my fast-approaching retirement date of June 2023.

I am grateful to Senator John F. (Johnny) Mautz IV for sponsoring this legislation, and I respectfully request the Committee's support of SB 633.

Kind regards,

Ravindra D. Ganvir

Ravindra Ganvir