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Senator Justin Ready
315 James Senate Office Building

Delegate April Rose
213 Lowe House Office Building

Dear Chairs Ready and Rose,

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,

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