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BILL NO.: **SB 650**

TITLE: **Public Safety - State Disaster Recovery Fund**

SPONSOR: **Senator Elfreth**

COMMITTEE: **Budget and Taxation**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: **March 9, 2023**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 650 – Public Safety - State Disaster Recovery Fund. This bill would establish the State Disaster Recovery Fund.

Recent upticks in extreme weather events have led to dramatic increases in weather-related home damage. Unfortunately, certain forms of damage caused by tidal flooding, straight-line wind storms, and other weather events can cause costly and burdensome damage to communities without meeting the threshold for federal disaster relief.

Senate Bill 650 would establish the State Disaster Recovery Fund to provide financial assistance to individuals whose homes and businesses have been damaged by extreme weather events, but do not qualify for federal assistance. This legislation would provide critically important funds to help residents suffering from the destructive impacts climate change-induced weather events

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 650. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.