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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
The Honorable Jim Rosapepe
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 0650 - Public Safety - State Disaster Recovery Fund
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:


The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support SB 0650 - Public Safety - State Disaster Recovery Fund. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled for March 9, 2023.


It is our understanding that this legislation will establish the State Disaster Recovery Fund to provide disaster related assistance to units of local government for individuals and families and for the repair or replacement of public facilities, and for low-interest or no-interest loans to businesses and nonprofits when a federal disaster declaration is not received; requiring the fund to provide disaster-related assistance for the unmet needs of individuals and families after a federal disaster declaration or in the event of a certain denial of federal assistance; and so forth.

Cecil County understands that after a disaster, the family, community and businesses that were affected requires the support of our State and local officials more than ever. As the cost and number of natural and man-made disasters increases it places an undue financial burden on our community and this legislation would be another tool in our toolbox to use to help in a time of need.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully requests that the Budget and Taxation Committee send a favorable report on SB 0650.

Sincerely,


Danielle Hornberger
County Executive


Jackie Gregory
President of County Council