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Maryland House of Delegates
Economic Matters Committee

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby, and members of the Economic Matters Committee:

On behalf of the Town Council, I am writing in support of HB 459 -- County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act. This enabling legislation strengthens the original Maryland law on this subject and will streamline the process for local governments to acquire utility-owned overhead streetlights and assume ownership and maintenance. We applaud the substantial work that has been put into this matter by State legislators in conjunction with Maryland Public Service Commission staff, topical experts, and municipal stakeholders.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of HB 459 and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

Barney Rush
Mayor

cc: Delegate Aaron Kaufman
Delegate Emily Shetty
Delegate Jared Solomon
Senator Jeff Waldstreicher