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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 1037/Senate Bill 539 – Economic Development – Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Membership

Dear Chairman Barve,

On behalf of the majority of the Southern Maryland Delegation members, we are writing to support HB 1037/SB 539 Economic Development – Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Membership.

The legislation adds voting members to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland based on the populations of the participating counties - Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's. One voting member would be added to the council for every 45,000 residents, as determined by the most recent decennial census. Based on the most recent census, the bill adds two members from Calvert County, three members from Charles County and two members from St. Mary's County.

Sincerely,

Edith Patterson

Delegate Edith J. Patterson, Chair, Southern Maryland Delegation