

# **SB396 Cecil County Delegation Letter of Support.pdf**

Uploaded by: Erika Howard

Position: FAV

STEPHEN S. HERSHEY, JR.  
*Legislative District 36*  
Caroline, Cecil, Kent, and  
Queen Anne's Counties

—  
Finance Committee  
Executive Nominations Committee

—  
Legislative Policy Committee



James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Room 320  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3639 · 301-858-3639  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3639  
Fax: 410-841-3762 · 301-858-3762  
Steve.Hershey@senate.state.md.us

*The Senate of Maryland*  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 20, 2023

The Honorable Melony Griffith  
Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
RE: Economic Development – Upper Shore Regional Council – Membership

Dear Chairwoman and Committee Members

The Cecil County Delegation unanimously supports Senate Bill 396 Economic Development – Upper Shore Regional Council- Membership. I thank you for your committee's consideration of this bill and request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.

# **SB396 Senator Hershey Testimony.pdf**

Uploaded by: Erika Howard

Position: FAV

STEPHEN S. HERSHEY, JR.  
*Legislative District 36*  
Caroline, Cecil, Kent, and  
Queen Anne's Counties

---

Finance Committee

Executive Nominations Committee

---

Legislative Policy Committee



James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street, Room 320  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-841-3639 · 301-858-3639  
800-492-7122 Ext. 3639  
Fax: 410-841-3762 · 301-858-3762  
Steve.Hershey@senate.state.md.us

*The Senate of Maryland*  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 20, 2023

The Honorable Melony Griffith

Finance Committee

3 East Miller Senate Office Building

Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 396 Economic Development – Upper Shore Regional Council – Membership

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 396 alters the voting membership on the Upper Shore Regional Council so that Cecil County's voting members will be the County Executive and two members of the County Council. Cecil County's voting members are being updated to reflect the County's Charter Government; all other voting members will remain the unchanged.

Senate Bill 396 is a local bill and has the support of Cecil County, Cecil County Senate Delegation, and the Upper Shore Regional Council.

I ask for a favorable consideration.

**2023 SB 0396 Testimony - susan oneill.pdf**

Uploaded by: susan oneill

Position: FAV

Susan O'Neill, Executive Director  
Upper Shore Regional Council  
122 North Cross Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620

**TESTIMONY ON SB#0396:**

**Economic Development - Upper Shore Regional Council - Membership**

**POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**TO:** Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and members of the Finance Committee

**FROM:** Susan O'Neill

My name is Susan O'Neill and I am the Executive Director of the Upper Shore Regional Council. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#0396 for the purpose of altering the membership of certain voting members of the Upper Shore Regional Council.

The Upper Shore Regional Council is one of 5 tri-county councils in Maryland. We represent Cecil County, Kent County, and Queen Anne's County.

The Upper Shore Regional Council fosters planning and development for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties. It affords federal, state, county, and local governments a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities to improve the quality of life in the Upper Shore Region of Maryland.

Created in 2003, USRC original voting members were:

- 3 Cecil County Commissioners
- 3 Kent County Commissioners
- 3 Queen Anne's County Commissioners
- 1 Municipality rep from each county
- State legislators with most of their district within the region

In 2010, Cecil County voters ratified the charter form of government. It is now governed by a county executive and a county council. SB #0396 will allow the Cecil County Executive a vote on the USRC. Therefore, Cecil County's voting membership will comprise the county executive and two representatives from Cecil County Council.

The Upper Shore Regional Council voted to support this change in Cecil County's voting membership at their January 4, 2023, full council meeting.

Thank you for your time.

**02.20.23 LOS SB 0396 Joint.pdf**

Uploaded by: Terry Hale

Position: FAV

Danielle Hornberger  
County Executive

Steven Overbay  
Acting Director of Administration

Office: 410.996.5202  
Email: dhornberger@ccgov.org



Jackie Gregory  
Council President

Robert Meffley  
Vice President

Office: 410.996.5201  
Email: council@ccgov.org

**CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
Cecil County Administration Building  
200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD 21921

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Stephen S. Hershey, Jr., Senator District 36  
The Honorable Jason C. Gallion, Senator District 35 A  
The Honorable Kevin B. Hornberger, Delegate District 35A  
The Honorable Steven J. Arentz, Delegate District 36  
The Honorable Jefferson L. Ghrist, Delegate District 36  
The Honorable Jay A. Jacobs, Delegate District 36

RE: SB 396 - Upper Shore Regional Council Composition and Appointments

Honorable Members of the Cecil County Delegation,

We are writing to you to thank you for introducing of SB 396 - Upper Shore Regional Council Composition and Appointments and to offer our continued support for this legislation.


As we previously noted, this change will better reflect membership on the Upper Shore Regional Council to include the County Executive Office as well as clearly defining that County Council will choose representation from amongst its members. This appears to be consisted with how this is handled by Wicomico County in the Tri County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore.

At your discretion, we will be available to testify on behalf of this bill. It is our understanding that the Senate Hearing is set for February 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

If we can be of any further assistance, please free to contact us at dhornberger@ccgov.org jgregory@ccgov.org or 410-996-5201.

Sincerely,

  
Danielle Hornberger  
County Executive

  
Jackie Gregory  
Council President  
District 5



Cc: The Honorable Robert Meffley, Vice President, District 1  
The Honorable Rebecca Hamilton, Councilwoman District 2  
The Honorable Al Miller, Councilman District 3  
The Honorable Donna Culberson, Councilwoman District 4  
Steven Overbay, Director of Administration  
David M. Culver, County Council Manager