



March 3, 2023

The Honorable Senator Malcolm Augustine  
214 James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

*Re: Senate Bill 696*

Dear Senator Augustin:

The Town of Brentwood, Mayor, and Council is writing to express our support for Senate Bill 696 to establish a *Gateway Arts Development Authority* in Prince George's County.

The Town of Brentwood has already proven itself a leader in the area by partnering with neighboring municipalities. This bill will ensure improved communication and collaboration and serves to strengthen our ability to promote and uplift our residents and the arts.

The Town Council would like the following amendments to be considered:

- Increased representation for residents of communities impacted by the target area to ensure diversity
- The addition of artists and/or stakeholder organizations to the authority
- A strategic plan to ensure that *Gateway Arts Development Authority* includes equitable development

Best Regards,

Mayor and Council, Brentwood, MD

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