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HB 377

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POSITION: Support

**Montgomery County – Village of Friendship Heights
Special Taxing District – Procurement
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This bill increases from \$5,000 to \$20,000 the maximum amount that the Friendship Heights Village Council can spend without competitively bidding for the purchase of the materials or work. The legislation also creates an exception, which would allow the Council to exceed the \$20,000 limit if the conditions under which a contract would be entered into is in response to an “emergency” as defined in the bill and is supported by a majority vote of the Council.

Representatives of the Friendship Heights Village Council made a solid case to the Montgomery County Delegation for the need to revise its procurement practices. Therefore, Montgomery County supports House Bill 377.