

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES Annapolis, Maryland 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

Senator Guy Guzzone Chairman Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

RE: HB 887 St. Mary's County-Metropolitan Commission- New Facilities

Chairman Guzzone and members of the Committee,

HB 887 was requested by METCOM and is supported by the St. Mary's County Delegation along with the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners.

The St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission is the water and sewer authority for St. Mary's County. This bill simply redefines "New Facility" to encompass new construction projects as well as expansions on existing service lines for both water and sewer utilities; in addition, it updates local regulations concerning permitting processes and approvals for these facilities' operation. Additionally, it modifies the requirements for actions taken by the Commission, allowing them to refinance existing loans without a vote from the County Commissioners while still requiring approval for new loans.

We ask that HB 887 be given a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,

Matt Margan

Chair St. Mary's County Delegation