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February 1, 2023

President Anthony W. Berino, Jr.
Worcester County Commissioners
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Re: Enabling Legislation for Increasing County Room Tax – Letter of Support.

Honorable Anthony W. Bertino, Jr.,

The Commissioners of Caroline County are in support of enabling legislation granting the Eastern Shore Code Home Rule Counties the authority to increase the hotel room tax from 5% to the maximum of 6%.

As mentioned in your communications, the Department of Legislative Services requested that each Home Rule County on the Eastern Shore be in support of increasing the hotel room tax to successfully pass this legislation. With this, we hope this letter provides adequate verification of our support.

Sincerely,

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND
J. Travis Breeding, President



Queen Anne's County

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

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January 26, 2023

Anthony Bertino Jr., President
Worcester County Government
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Dear Mr. Bertino,

The Queen Anne's County Commissioners are in support of enabling legislation granting the Eastern Shore Code Home Rule Counties the authority to increase the hotel room tax from five percent to a maximum of six percent. This increase allows tourism related expenses to be covered. Hotel room tax revenues provide a dedicated source to fund tourism and tourism-related activities, and the return for each dollar invested in tourism marketing generates \$31 in visitor spending, making the authority to increase hotel room tax by up to an additional one percent mutually beneficial to each of our Eastern Shore Code Home Rule Counties, as we promote tourism-related activities that attract residents and visitors alike to live, play, and explore our Eastern Shore Communities.

Sincerely,

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
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