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The Honorable Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB1184 – Calvert County - State Admissions and Amusement Tax - Electronic Bingo and Tip Jars - Distribution and Rate

Chair Atterbeary:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes in **SUPPORT** of **HB1184** and requests a favorable Committee report. This local request seeks to further advance the vision of the Honorable President of the Senate Thomas V. “Mike” Miller putting tax revenue from gaming to work for families and children in recreation projects. To further advance the objectives of the Calvert County Youth Recreational Opportunities Fund established at the behest of Senator Miller requires equality for Calvert County. Presently, the admissions and amusement tax imposed on electronic bingo or electronic tip jars is capped at 35% in every other county; for Calvert, the State collects only 33%, and there is no local tax imposed. It is estimated that the requested equity adjustment would result in an additional \$500,000 in revenue for recreational projects and programs in Calvert County to help offset the impacts of gaming and gambling.

Your thoughtful consideration of this point is sincerely appreciated. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, extension 2202 or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important local Bill.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Mike Hart, Vice President

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cc: Calvert County Senators and Delegation