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Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB0067 (Property Tax Credit) – Retail Service Station Conversions), which seeks to amend the Article – Tax – Property, Section 9–268 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Sponsored by Senator Ben Brooks, this legislation is crucial for fostering positive economic development and adaptive reuse of properties in our communities.

The conversion of retail service stations to alternative uses, such as retail or residential, is often a complex process that requires significant investment. The legislation acknowledges the challenges faced by property owners in repurposing these properties, contributing to the revitalization of our communities.

SB0067 allows local jurisdictions flexibility in implementing the tax credit, tailoring it to each community's needs. The provision for state reimbursement of 50% to counties and municipalities demonstrates a commitment to supporting local jurisdictions in their efforts to promote smart redevelopment.

I'm happy to support SB 067 in hopes of promoting economic growth and community improvement in Maryland. For these reasons, I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Young".

Councilman Pat Young

Baltimore County Councilman

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