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Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Bill: SB 101 University of Baltimore - Schaefer Center for Public Policy - Funding

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The City of Frostburg supports Senate Bill 101, which offers permanent funding for the Schaefer Center for Public Policy at UBalt. The one-time appropriation for scholarship funding for local government managers allowed me to complete the Certified Public Manager program in 2022-2023. The scholarship, coupled with the option of a virtual classroom, allowed me to participate and further my career development as the City Administrator for the City of Frostburg.

The program is an excellent educational offering that offers public leaders, like myself, the opportunity for professional development in all aspects of a leadership role in the public sector. In particular, sessions on data-based decision making, ethics, and Lean management were some of the most helpful lectures and discussion that have enabled me to do my job better. As many public servants retire and local governments look to maintain a high-quality workforce, the CPM program invests in local employees and bolsters leaders and future leaders to improve communities in Maryland for the next generation.

For these reasons, the City of Frostburg respectfully requests that this committee provide Senate Bill 14 with a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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