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The Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB834 – Calvert County - Ethics - Consequences of Conflict of Interest Violations

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Committee Members:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes in **SUPPORT** of **HB834** and requests a **FAVORABLE** Committee report. This Bill represents a citizen request presented to the Calvert County Delegation seeking additional judicial remedies for violation of a local ethics laws.

Presently, reviewing courts have the power to: (1) issue orders to cease and desist from the violation; (2) provide injunctive relief; (3) impose a fine of up to \$5,000/day; and (4) void most forms of action taken in violation. This legislation would provide the additional penalty of removal of a county elected official, and authorize Calvert County to enhance existing powers of the Courts enumerated above. We base our support of this legislation upon the preposition that public trust should never be jeopardized, and, therefore, all necessary and appropriate deterrents should be in place for the benefit all citizens of the State, including Calvert County.

Your thoughtful consideration of this request 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,

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