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The Honorable Delegate Marc Korman, Chair Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB0081 - Constitutional Amendment - Form of County Government - Requirement to Adopt Charter Home Rule

Chairman Korman:

The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County writes to **OPPOSE HB0081** and respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE REPORT** from the Committee. As one of the few counties remaining using the Commissioner form of government, we have explored transition to Code Home Rule and Charter form of government. While there are certain advantages that could be had, our staff has advised of significant increases in cost to do the same tasks for our citizens.

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 2201, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, extension 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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cc: Calvert County Delegation