

# **HB\_776\_FAV\_BoardOfCountyCommissioners\_CalvertCount**

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February 13, 2024

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

Re: HB766 – Calvert County - Roadside Solicitation of Money or Donations - Prohibition

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Committee Members:

The Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County writes in **SUPPORT** of **HB766** and requests a **FAVORABLE** Committee report. This Bill represents our request that the existing solicitation laws in effect in Carroll, Charles, Harford, and Washington Counties (at Md. Ann. Code, Transportation Art., §21-507(c)) be applied in Calvert County. With rising traffic, and unfortunate opportunities for vehicular and pedestrian traffic conflicts, we feel it is necessary to address the issue of solicitation in roadways for public safety.

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,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Earl F. Hance, President

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cc: Calvert County Delegation

# **HB 766 - Letter of Support.pdf**

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February 20, 2024

The Honorable Marc Korman  
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
The State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of House Bill 766.

Panhandling has become a real problem in Calvert County. I know it because I see it occurring almost every day along our highways and thoroughfares. I know it because my constituents call me and ask me to do something about it.

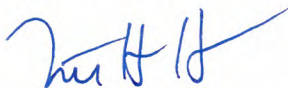
Under current law, there is nothing I can do.

Panhandling is more than a public nuisance. It's dangerous. In Calvert County, panhandlers typically stand in the median strip of major intersections where vehicle traffic is the heaviest. They come out into the roadway to solicit money from vehicle occupants. It's a miracle that someone has not been struck and injured.

House Bill 766 is modeled on laws that currently exist in Carroll, Charles, Harford, and Washington Counties. It is targeted only at "roadside" solicitations; it does not, and will not, impact on legitimate fundraising activities of civic and charitable organizations.

I urge a favorable report on House Bill 766.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Harvey, Jr.  
State's Attorney