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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support with Amendments – Senate Bill 896 – Baltimore Convention and Tourism Redevelopment and Operating Authority Task Force

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports Senate Bill 896 with amendments and offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

Senate Bill 896 would establish the Baltimore Convention and Tourism Redevelopment and Operating Authority Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning the membership, purpose, and function of an authority to govern the renovation, revitalization, financing, and ongoing maintenance and management of the Baltimore Convention site and surrounding areas.

The Task Force will have the ability to make recommendations about how the Authority could influence the Convention site and the surrounding area. This area encompasses the Maryland Transit Administration’s (MTA) Light Rail and Core Bus routes, as well as the potential Red Line alignment. The MTA respectfully requests that the Administrator or their designee be named to serve on the Task Force, so as to provide input from the transit perspective.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee grant Senate Bill 896 a favorable report with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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