



BALTIMORE COUNTY
REVENUE AUTHORITY

HB741/SB804

Northwest Baltimore County Sports Tourism Facility – Feasibility Study

Written Testimony

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Good afternoon. I am Kenneth Mills, Chief Executive of the Baltimore County Revenue Authority, a quasi-public corporation created by the State General Assembly in 1955. The Baltimore County Revenue Authority was the first revenue authority created by the state to develop, own and operate self-supporting, wholly or partially public facilities for the benefit of the County, and moreover, for the citizens and visitors of the State of Maryland. Working with Baltimore County, State agencies such as the Maryland Development Corporation and private entities such as Bethlehem Steel, the Revenue Authority has successfully financed and operated facilities that have been the pride of those served and benefited over the last 68 years.

Currently, the Revenue Authority operates a successful 50,000 square foot indoor ice rink and artificial turf field at the Reisterstown Regional Park, while the County Department of Recreation and Parks manages and programs the use of multiple fields and recreation facilities for the general public.

We thank you Mr. Chairman and your fellow committee members, and on behalf of the members of our board, we appreciate the opportunity to provide this written Letter of Support for HB741/SB804 Northwest Baltimore County Sports Tourism Facility – Feasibility Study.

We are aware of the Maryland Stadium Authority's extensive background and expertise in conducting studies for multi-field and multi-use complexes and know that they can efficiently help Baltimore County and the State assess the feasibility of an optimally designed complex on a property that we believe could be an ideal location for a regionally popular and active sports facility. We also believe that the Stadium Authority would objectively assess such a facility in a manner that could generate strong fiscal support, making everyone's investment a great outcome for all.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.