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January 30, 2024

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Opposition House Bill 248 –Assessment Appeals Boards and Supervisors-Regional Organization

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Committee Members:

The Somerset County Commissioners wish to express their opposition of House Bill 248–Assessment Appeals Boards and Supervisors-Regional Organization

As we understand this bill as presented will consolidate Local Assessment Offices and property Tax Appeal Boards. Somerset County has a local assessment staff who are extremely knowledgeable, and are very customer service oriented. We feel for a county of our size, personal knowledge of both our county and its citizens is very crucial to decisions made by the Tax Assessment Appeals Board should be made by those that live within our county.

Therefore, the Somerset County Commissioners are opposed to this legislation and ask for an unfavorable report on HB248 as proposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Randy Laird'.

Randy Laird
Vice President

Cc: Delegate Charles Otto