



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

**Testimony in Support of HB490 – St. Mary's County –
Competitive Bidding – Threshold**

March 21, 2025

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Office Building
Annapolis, MD 2141

Chair Guzzone and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:

HB490 is a St. Mary's County delegation bill which would increase the minimum contract value in St. Mary's County for the competitive bidding process to \$50,000 in order to ensure the flexibility to adopt future cost-effective and timely procurement policies. The cost for IT site licenses, for software users, has greatly increased outside the current threshold. The increase is needed to be able to keep these contracts competitive and meet the needs of the county. In essence, everything has become more expensive. The change updates policies to be in-line with modern county procurement practices.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 490.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd B. Morgan".

Delegate Todd B. Morgan
Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation