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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Johnny Mautz
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The Honorable Christopher T. Adams
405 Lowe House Office Building
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The Honorable Thomas S. Hutchinson
308 Lowe House Office Building
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Dear Senator Mautz, Delegate Adams, and Delegate Hutchinson:

During their December 10, 2024, meeting, the County Council of Talbot County (the "County Council") voted unanimously to request that the Maryland General Assembly consider amending § 20-426 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the purpose of providing that, in Talbot County, Maryland ("Talbot County"), if a hotel fails to pay the hotel rental tax within one month after the payment is due, the hotel shall pay a tax penalty of 10 percent of the unpaid tax.

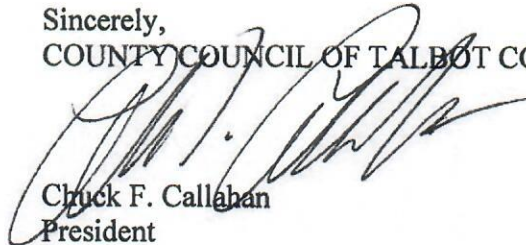
Section 20-426 currently provides that a hotel shall pay a tax penalty of ten percent of the unpaid hotel rental tax if it fails to pay the same within one month after the payment is due; provided, however, that in Talbot County and Wicomico County, the tax penalty only applies if the hotel fails to pay the tax within 120 days after the payment is due. The proposed amendment would bring Talbot County in line with every other Maryland county except Wicomico County. Accordingly, the County Council is seeking support from the local delegation to introduce legislation in the 2025 Legislative Session to amend Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 20-426 as set forth above and as more fully set forth in the attached document. Passage of the proposed

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amendment would authorize the County Council to amend Chapter 172, Article II of the Talbot County Code to shorten the hotel rental tax payment deadline from 120 days to one month.

The County Council thanks you for your consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions, or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact Clay Stamp, County Manager for Talbot County.

Sincerely,
COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck F. Callahan", is written over the typed name and title.

Chuck F. Callahan
President

Enclosure