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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB979 – Calvert County - Hotel Rental Tax - Distribution of Revenue

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Calvert Board of County Commissioners, we write to express our strong and unanimous support for the passage of SB979. This legislation seeks to transfer the administration of the hotel rental tax from individual counties to the Office of the Comptroller, a move that we believe will enhance efficiency and fiscal responsibility.

Our support for SB979 is based on two key factors:

1. **Increased Efficiency** – Centralizing the administration of the hotel rental tax under the Comptroller's Office will streamline operations, ensuring a consistent and effective approach across all jurisdictions. Rather than relying on individual counties—each with varying levels of resources and expertise—the Comptroller's Office is well-equipped with the necessary infrastructure to manage the collection of these taxes efficiently.
2. **Financial Prudence** – Maintaining tax administration systems at the county level requires significant investment in personnel, technology, and oversight. For many counties, this represents a considerable financial burden. HB1103 presents a cost-effective solution by leveraging the Comptroller's existing infrastructure, reducing administrative costs for counties while minimizing any additional financial impact on the State.

By adopting the measures outlined in SB979, Maryland can achieve a more effective, streamlined, and fiscally responsible approach to hotel tax administration. We appreciate your time and consideration of our position on this important matter.

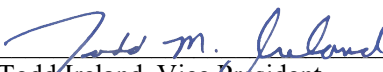
Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600 extension 2202 or Economic Development Director Julie Oberg at 410-535-1600 extension 2485.

Sincerely,

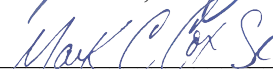
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