

February 3, 2025

Senator Nancy King
James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 0409 Economic Development - County or Municipal Corporation Economic Development Authority - Powers and Use of Proceeds

Honorable Senator King,

I am writing to express my support for SB 0409. As a lifelong resident of Frederick County, I believe this bill offers a valuable tool for counties to generate revenue for essential infrastructure, such as schools and sewer and water capacity, that must be in place before development can proceed.

The ongoing challenge of insufficient funding for infrastructure has hindered housing development and growth. As the state works to address the housing shortage, this bill provides a potential solution to secure the necessary funds for infrastructure ahead of new development. It would be a missed opportunity not to consider this option as development planning moves forward.

Since the bill only grants enabling authority, concerns about its application can be addressed before it is implemented.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hugh Gordon", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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