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Testimony in Support of SB0572 - Anne Arundel County - Development Impact Fees

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:

SB0572 would provide greater flexibility to the existing enabling statute pertaining to impact fee exemptions.

Background

During the 2008 Legislative Session, the General Assembly passed HB0515 (Chapter 509), which enabled Anne Arundel County (the County) to exempt or provide credits on impact fees for development by not-for-profit entities that have been in existence for at least three years.

Development impact fees are levied on developers for financing, in whole or in part, the capital costs of additional or expanded public works, improvements, and facilities required to accommodate new construction or development.

Solution

SB0572 as amended per SB0572/443626/1 would expand the list of entities that the County could exempt from impact fees to include a construction or development project that:

- Is a moderately priced dwelling unit
- Is an accessory dwelling unit
- Complies with the Counties existing requirements for “workforce housing”
- Qualifies for impact fee credits in cases where developers directly provide for infrastructure and/or services on behalf of the County.

The committee already has a letter of support from the Anne Arundel Senate Delegation for this bill, but an additional letter is pending to support the amendments submitted. This updated letter will be sent by the time of this hearing on Wednesday, February 26th.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB0572.