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Chairman Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

Senate Bill 416 is legislation requested by the Carroll County Senators. This bill gives the Carroll County Commissioners the ability to issue up to 36.9 million in general obligation bonds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or renovation of public buildings, facilities, and public works projects. As it stands, commission counties do not have the legislative authority to create debt, as General Assembly authorization is required before any bonds can be sold. Carroll County is one of six counties in Maryland that still operates under the commission form of government.

If passed, the moneys issued would give the Carroll County Boards of Commissioners the ability to fulfill their Fiscal Year 2026 Bond authorization requests the list of which is attached to your testimony

Senate Bill 416 was approved unanimously by the Carroll County Senate Delegation and is a cross-file of HB 833. The Carroll County Senate Delegation respectfully requests a favorable vote on Senate Bill 416.