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The Honorable Brian Feldman and
Members of the Senate Education, Energy and the
Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water) appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 1230 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – System Development Charge – Exemptions.

This legislation expands the reporting and eligibility requirements for exemptions of the system development charge imposed by WSSC Water. The system development charge is imposed for any new water and/or sewer service at an amount set by Montgomery and Prince George’s County. Exemptions are granted for certain properties used as affordable housing, childcare, elderly housing, educational programs, services for disabled individuals, and other specified uses. This bill would require that Counties grant an exemption to eligible projects.

In addition, the bill now specifies that an applicant is no longer required to own the property for which the exemption is sought. Also, the bill as amended requires Montgomery County and Prince George’s County to submit an annual report to their respective House Delegations each year including the application process for each exemption, the total number of applications received, and the total number and total dollar amount of exemptions granted. WSSC Water would be required to provide any relevant data to the counties so they can prepare the necessary reports as prescribed under the legislation.

WSSC Water respectfully requests a favorable report by the Committee on HB 1230 and we look forward to working with you as this bill progresses.

Sincerely,

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