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TO: The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

FROM: Kate Stewart
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RE: House Bill 1064, *Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Open Meetings – Live Streaming Requirement MC/PG 101-25*

Support

I am writing on behalf of the Montgomery County Council to express our support for House Bill 1064, *Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Open Meetings – Live Streaming Requirement MC/PG 101-25*, which amends State law governing open meetings of the Montgomery County Planning Board (Planning Board) and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water). Under current law, both entities are required to stream live video or teleconference audio of all open meetings. The bill exempts a project site visit or educational field tour from the live streaming requirement when no organizational business is conducted.

The bill is intended to allow all Planning Board members or all WSSC Water Commissioners to conduct project site visits or educational site visits in locations where live streaming is difficult or not feasible. All other provisions of the Open Meetings Act still apply, including advance notice and preparation and approval of minutes.

We respectfully request that the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee give this bill a favorable report.

cc: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee