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February 11, 2025

The Honorable Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair  
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB0717-Somerset County -Salaries of Local Officials - Increase/Letter of Support

Dear Senator Feldman and Committee Members:

The Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County strongly support SB0717 increasing the salaries for the County Commissioners, the County Roads Board, and the Somerset County Sheriff bringing them more in line with that of their peers.

Therefore, we as Somerset County Commissioners request for a favorable report and final passage of SB0717. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles Laird', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Charles Laird  
President

Cc: Senator Carozza

# **Local Official Salary Comparisons.pdf**

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**County Official Salary Comparisons – Commissioner Government (FY 2025)**

Source: FY 2025 MACo report of County Employee Salaries, Health Benefits and Pensions

*County Commissioners*

\*– denotes Code Home Rule Government

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Commissioners</b>	<b>Salary – President</b>	<b>Salary – Commissioner</b>
Allegany*	3	\$37,209	\$36,037
Calvert	5	\$50,500	\$48,000
Caroline*	3	\$16,000	\$15,000
Carroll	5	\$49,998	\$49,998
Charles*	5	\$62,969	\$51,957
Garrett	3	\$32,510	\$32,510
Kent*	3	\$20,000	\$20,000
Queen Anne’s*	5	\$25,000	\$25,000
St. Mary’s	5	\$55,825	\$50,750
Washington	5	\$41,018	\$38,002
Worcester*	7	\$28,277	\$28,277
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

*County Sheriffs*

\*– denotes Code Home Rule Government

<b>County</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Does the Sheriff Provide Full Service Law Enforcement?</b>
Allegany*	\$100,000	Yes
Calvert	\$187,649	Yes
Caroline*	\$138,238	Yes
Carroll	\$140,000	Yes
Charles*	\$202,199	No
Garrett	\$85,000	Yes
Kent*	\$122,453	Yes
Queen Anne’s*	\$191,333	Yes
St. Mary’s	\$187,649	Yes
Washington	\$126,630	Yes
Worcester*	\$101,200	No
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**SB 717 - Carozza Testimony\_FINAL.pdf**

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 25, 2025

The Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee  
SB 717 – Somerset County – Salaries of Local Officials – Increase  
Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and my fellow members of the distinguished Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 717 – Somerset County – Salaries of Local Officials – Increase.

This local legislation would increase and provide updated salaries of the Somerset County Sheriff, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, and members of the County Roads Board of Somerset County to stay competitive with surrounding counties. For reference, the last time salaries were increased was under Senate Bill 439 of 2022.

The Maryland General Assembly sets compensation for these positions for our Commission-style counties which is why this bill is before you today. I have included a list of comparative salaries in other commission-style Maryland county governments for the sheriff and commissioner positions that was provided by the Maryland Association of Counties. This is the total amount Commissioners are paid, including any income from other boards they serve on.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable and swift report on SB 717.

# **Senate Delegation Support - Committee Requirement.**

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February 21, 2025

The Honorable Brian Feldman  
Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee  
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Miller Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chair Feldman,

The Somerset County Delegation supports Senate Bill 717 – Somerset County – Salaries of Local Officials – Increase. I thank you for your committee's consideration of this bill and request a favorable report.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Carozza".

MARY BETH CAROZZA  
State Senator – District 38  
Somerset, Worcester, and Wicomico