



## TOWN OF SHARPSBURG, MD

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RE: Town of Sharpsburg, MD  
HB 1327 – Lift the Cap Legislation

This letter is to express our strongest support of Program Open Space and Heritage Grant funding, as well as other similar sources of fiduciary support which are being considered for termination in the next budget cycle. This crucial funding is essential for small towns and municipalities with limited resources, especially those of particular historical significance, in their preservation and conservation efforts to ensure that those important resources remain viable for future generations.

Rescission of this funding would prove a death knell for many preservation projects, both current and future, in smaller municipalities, and would undermine and greatly hinder the overall objective of preserving our State's natural resources and safeguarding our local cultural heritage. As we approach the 250th anniversary cycle and beyond, we strongly urge you to reject any measure which would curtail these key sources of funding upon which ours and many other small entities rely.

Respectfully,

Debra Smith for Russell Weaver,  
Mayor

Jacob Martz,  
Vice Mayor

Debra A. Smith,  
Town Administrator/Clerk