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February 11, 2025

The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
The Honorable Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building
6 Bladen Street,
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **Support for HB 372 | Prince George's Gateway Development Authority – Sunset Repeal**

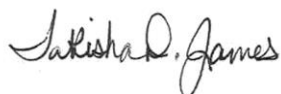Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 372, which seeks to repeal the sunset provision for the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority. As Mayor of the Town of Bladensburg, I believe that extending the lifespan of this Authority is a critical step in fostering long-term economic growth, regional collaboration, and sustainable development in our area.

Over the past several months, I have engaged in discussions surrounding the formation of the Authority, and the Town of Bladensburg has been actively involved in shaping its vision. We see this as a tremendous opportunity—not only to share resources and expertise with our neighboring towns and cities but also to learn from one another as we work toward a more vibrant and prosperous region.

A unified, collaborative approach to development strengthens our ability to attract investment, enhance infrastructure, and create jobs for our residents. Allowing the Prince George's Gateway Development Authority to grow beyond the initial five-year sunset provision ensures that our collective efforts will have a lasting impact, benefiting both current and future generations.

I sincerely appreciate the continued leadership and support of the entire Prince George's County Delegation in advancing this important legislation. Your commitment to fostering economic growth and regional cooperation is truly commendable. Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully urge the committee to support HB 372.

Sincerely,

Takisha D. James
Mayor, Town of Bladensburg