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Subject: Letter of Support for House Bill 372 – Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority Sunset Repeal

Dear Chair Korman, Vice-Chair Boyce, and Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

On behalf of the City of Mount Rainier, I am pleased to express our strong support for **House Bill 372 Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority Sunset Repeal**. This critical legislation ensures the continued existence of the Authority, allowing it to fulfill its mission of driving economic development, revitalizing neighborhoods, and improving infrastructure within our community and the broader Gateway region.

Since its inception, the Prince George’s Gateway Development Authority has been instrumental in fostering collaboration among local municipalities, state agencies, and stakeholders. By providing oversight, strategic planning, and funding opportunities, the Authority strives to play a key role in advancing neighborhood revitalization efforts, supporting small businesses, and enhancing transportation and housing initiatives in Mount Rainier and surrounding communities.

The City of Mount Rainier recognizes the long-term value of the Authority’s work and strongly believes that its dissolution would create a void in regional development efforts, potentially stalling progress in our target areas. By repealing the sunset provision, **HB 372** ensures that the Authority can continue making meaningful, lasting contributions to the economic and social well-being of our community.

We urge the General Assembly to pass **HB 372** and affirm its commitment to sustainable development in Prince George’s County. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office 301-985-6585 or via email MayorBenitez@MountRainierMD.org

Sincerely,

Celina R. Benitez

Mayor Celina R. Benitez, City of Mount Rainier