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The Honorable Marc Korman Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee The Maryland House of Delegates 250 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support for HB 24

Distinguished Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

As members of the Baltimore County Council, we are writing to express our strong support for HB 24 – Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses – Connection to Existing Municipal Wastewater Facility.

By providing expanded access to sewer systems to certain homes with septic facilities, HB 24 will meaningfully benefit residents of Baltimore County. Expanding access to existing sewer systems will mitigate the potential for septic system failures, which can cause serious concern to residents' health and livelihood. In addition, reducing the likelihood of septic system failures will contribute to the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

The ability of eligible residents to access state funds in this process alleviates potentially prohibitive costs and would also help relieve funding pressures for Baltimore County.

We therefore humbly request the committee return a favorable report on this bill.

Sincerely,

David Marks

Councilman, Fifth District

Todd K. Crandell

Councilman, Seventh District

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cc: Thomas H. Bostwick, Council Secretary