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March 5, 2025

The Honorable Delegate Marc Korman 251 Taylor House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1228 - Department of Commerce - Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve Study MC 15-25

Chair Korman,

I am writing to you regarding HB 1228 -Department of Commerce - Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve Study MC 15-25.

I have been in conversation with Delegate Qi and her office since December 2024 regarding this bill to ensure that we can successfully implement this study without a fiscal impact. We are aware of and have reviewed the proposed amendments to HB 1228 by the Montgomery County Delegation, and we confirm those amendments will allow Commerce to implement the bill with existing agency resources and at no additional cost to the State.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the bill or our amended fiscal impact in more detail. You can contact me at jennifer.lahatte@maryland.gov or at (443) 691-4037.

Kind regards,

Jen LaHatte

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