

**The Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc.
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The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
VIA EMAIL TO: will.smith@senate.state.md.us

Re: 2025 Senate Bill 579
The Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc.

Dear Senator Smith:

My name is Greg Snook and I am the President of The Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, Inc. (the "Corporation"), the non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt Maryland corporation charged by the General Assembly with the ownership and operation of the new Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility which was constructed by the Maryland Stadium Authority pursuant to § 10-601 of the Economic Development Article as a critical economic development initiative benefitting the citizens of Washington County.

I am writing to you in strong support of Senate Bill 579, sponsored by Senator Paul D. Corderman, which would include the Corporation in the list of entities qualified as "local government" for purposes of the Local Government Tort Claims Act ("LGTCA"). The LGTCA effectively waives the assertion of a claim of common law governmental immunity in response to claims for damages from tortious acts or omissions while limiting the liability of a local government to \$400,000 per individual claim and \$800,000 per total claims arising from the same occurrence.

We estimate that the proposed statutory limitations of liability would likely reduce the Corporation's substantial insurance costs by half, and could open up additional insurance options such as the Local Government Insurance Trust, thereby providing for more stable insurance rates and predictable costs, a significant overall benefit to this publicly-funded enterprise.

Last session's identical bill, 2024 SB 849, met with unanimously favorable reception in the Judicial Proceedings Committee, and I urge your similar support this year.

Sincerely,

Gregory I. Snook
Gregory I. Snook,
President

cc: The Hon. Paul D. Corderman
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