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The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone  
Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Senate Bill 0719 –Somerset County – Property Tax- Emergency Services Tax -Letter of Support**

Dear Senator Guy Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County wish to state their support of Senate Bill 0719 – Somerset County- Property Tax- Emergency Service Tax.

Last year, legislation was passed to allow The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County to enact local laws and adopt other measures necessary to promote the highest quality pre-hospital emergency medical care for every resident and visitor of Somerset County.

This year, the passage of this local bill will allow The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County, following a public hearing, the authority to impose an annual fee on all properties to offset the costs of County wide Emergency Services. In order to successfully implement mandatory changes going forward among our current medical service providers, the passage of this bill is imperative.

Thank you for your consideration, and we therefore powerfully recommend a **favorable report** on SB 0719 that will allow Somerset County to more adequately serve Emergency Medical Service of our residents.

Sincerely,

Charles Laird  
President

Cc: Senator Carozza