



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

February 7, 2025

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **Support for House Bill 750—Washington County—Property Tax Credit—Economic Development Projects**

Dear Delegate Atterbeary:

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County (the “Board”) unanimously support the passage of HB 750. As currently drafted, HB750 would adjust the eligibility requirements for Washington County’s Job Creation and Real Property (JCRP) tax credit program. The JCRP program is a fundamental tool in attracting new business to our County, as well as encouraging current businesses to grow their businesses. Economic growth and job creation are essential to our County’s revenue base and overall economic potential.

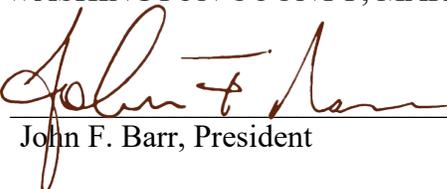
Passage of this bill would allow Washington County to allow businesses that are renovating their premises to qualify for this tax credit program. While the tax credit program will still support new or expanding premises, this new alternative allows for economic growth when expansion of premises is not ideal.

Passage of this bill would also allow the County to require a greater number of jobs created to qualify for this tax credit program. This will encourage businesses to provide more job opportunities for our constituents.

Because of its positive impact on economic growth and job creation, the Board supports this legislation.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: 
John F. Barr, President

cc: Washington County Delegation (via email)

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