



January 24, 2025

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
House of Delegates - Ways & Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for HB 258 / SB 4

Madame Chair Atterbeary—

The Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) is in support of HB258/SB4 which proposes critical changes to the structure and capabilities of the West North Avenue Development Authority (WNADA).

This bill will provide the necessary authority required for the agency to execute their legislative mission, which includes fostering housing affordability, economic opportunity through career readiness, reliable public transportation that connects workers to regional jobs, creates transit-oriented development projects, the provision of green space and improve public safety for impacted neighborhoods.

The bill will further provide the WNADA with the ability to improve property, retain and grow the resident population and generate much needed revenue for Baltimore City and surrounding communities.

WNADA is making critical connections, helping plan and facilitate the collective vision of residents and local businesses in the community. MEDCO is proud to participate as a member of the WNADA Board and is hopeful this bill will receive a favorable report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for further testimony on behalf of this bill or WNADA.

Regards,

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Executive Director