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February 5, 2025

The Honorable Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Ways and Means Committee
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: House Bill 0791 –Somerset County – Property Tax- Emergency Services Tax -Letter of Support

Dear Delegate Atterbeary and Committee Members:

The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County wish to state their support of House Bill 0791 – 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 improved property 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 HB 0791 that will allow Somerset County to more adequately serve Emergency Medical Service of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Laird". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Charles Laird
President

Cc: Delegate Otto