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The Honorable Ben Barnes, Delegate
Appropriations Committee
120 Taylor House Office Building
121 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support – House Bill 559 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants - Calculation

Dear Chairman Barnes and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for House Bill 559 entitled, “Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants – Calculation,” for purposes of altering the amounts of certain capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities in certain fiscal years; and generally relating to the distribution of highway user revenues.

Dorchester County strongly supports HB 559 because it preserves stable and predictable Highway User Revenue funding that is essential to maintaining our local transportation infrastructure. By preventing the scheduled fiscal year 2028 funding cliff, this legislation allows the County to plan and execute multi-year road and bridge projects, reduce reliance on costly emergency repairs, and maintain safe roadways for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Local governments are responsible for maintaining the vast majority of Maryland’s road miles, and Highway User Revenues are a critical funding source for these visible, everyday services. HB 559 ensures Dorchester County is not forced to move backward financially while preserving the ability to advocate for a fair and sustainable long-term transportation funding partnership with the State. Therefore, we respectfully ask that you look favorably upon this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions, please contact the Council’s Office at (410) 228-1700

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George L. Pfeffer, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

George L. Pfeffer, Jr.
President

cc: The Honorable Johnny Mautz, Senator
The Honorable Christopher T. Adams, Delegate
The Honorable Sheree Sample-Hughes, Delegate
The Honorable Tom Hutchinson, Delegate