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

Dear Chairman Barnes and Members of the House Appropriations Committee,

On behalf of Carroll County, we are writing to express strong support for HB 559. This bill is critical to preventing the Highway User Revenue (HUR) funding cliff scheduled for fiscal 2028 and ensuring stable, predictable funding for local transportation needs.

HUR funding allows Carroll County to plan multi-year projects, reduce costly emergency repairs, and maintain safe, reliable roads for our residents. We maintain over 80% of the county's road miles, and HUR dollars fund the work residents see and rely on every day, from resurfacing and bridge repairs to traffic safety improvements and snow removal.

Under current law, counties face nearly \$110 million in lost local road funding in a single year. Over five years, that could add up to roughly \$520 million in cumulative losses compared to a stable funding path. Without predictable HUR funding, Carroll County would be forced to delay maintenance, rely on more expensive emergency fixes, and pass along increased costs to residents and businesses.

HB 559 prevents this sudden drop, preserves the baseline for future funding, and ensures counties can continue advocating for a fair, long-term restoration of HUR that matches the responsibility local governments carry for Maryland's roads. Predictable funding is essential not just for roads, but for public safety, emergency response, and the economic vitality of our communities.

For these reasons, Carroll County strongly urges the Budget and Taxation Committee to support HB 559. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and for your ongoing leadership on behalf of local governments.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

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