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The Honorable Ben Barnes, Chair  
Members of the House Appropriations Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates

**Re: Support for House Bill 559 – Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants - Calculation**

Dear Chair Barnes and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Cecil County Administration and the Cecil County Council, we strongly support **House Bill 559**, which would prevent the Highway User Revenue (HUR) funding cliff scheduled for fiscal year 2028.

Counties maintain the vast majority of Maryland's roadway miles, and HUR funding is essential to core services such as road resurfacing, bridge maintenance, traffic safety improvements, and snow and storm response. Under current law, counties and Baltimore City face a nearly \$110 million reduction in local transportation funding beginning in FY 2028, with losses totaling approximately \$520 million over five years. A reduction of this magnitude would significantly impair long-term planning and accelerate roadway deterioration.

With sponsor amendments, **HB 559** holds local governments harmless from this cliff and preserves a stable, predictable funding stream. Because Cecil County lacks the authority to levy dedicated transportation taxes, predictable State support is especially critical.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to look favorably on **House Bill 559**. Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to Maryland's counties.

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Adam Streight, County Executive.

**Adam Streight**, County Executive  
**Miller**, President, Cecil County Council

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A blue ink signature of Al Miller, President of the Cecil County Council.