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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 Senate Bill 288, 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, SB 288 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 Senate Bill 288. Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to Maryland's counties.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Adam Streight, the County Executive, written in a cursive style.

**Adam Streight**, County Executive

A blue ink signature of Al Miller, the President of Cecil County Council, written in a cursive style.

**Al Miller**, President, Cecil County Council