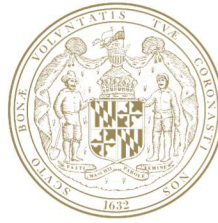


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## THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES HOUSE RURAL CAUCUS

March 10, 2026

The Honorable Ben Barnes  
Chair, Economic Matters Committee  
121 Taylor House Office Building  
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The Honorable Marc Korman  
Chair, Environment & Transportation Committee  
251 Taylor House Office Building  
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Chair Barnes, Chair Korman, and Honorable Members of the Appropriations and Environment and Transportation Committees:

On behalf of the Rural Caucus, we are writing to express our support for **HB 559 Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants - Calculation**. This bill increases the amount of funds that local governments receive annually from Highway User Revenues by increasing counties' share of the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account (GMVRA) to 4.8%. Rural counties often have larger road networks relative to their tax base, which limits revenues for capital transportation projects. By increasing the share of the GVMRA that counties receive, this bill gives these communities stable revenue that can be invested into transportation infrastructure such as bridges and roads.

For these reasons, the Rural Caucus supports HB 559 and requests a favorable report.

Thank you,

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist  
*Co-Chair*

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Delegate Natalie Ziegler  
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