

January 19, 2026

The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chair Budget and Taxation Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 193 – Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area

Dear Chair Guzzone and Distinguished Committee Members,

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of almost 700 member organizations representing over 40,000 employees, supports **Senate Bill 193 – Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area**, and we respectfully ask you to vote in support of this legislation.

The Mount Aetna Technology Park is perfectly located between Meritus Health (including the new Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine) and Hagerstown Community College. The property is “shovel ready.” It is an outstanding location for the immediate development of critical businesses that complement the work at Meritus and its medical school, as well as the students at Hagerstown Community College.

Providing an exemption from sales and use taxes for construction material or warehousing equipment, that supports the approved development on the Mount Aetna Technology Park property, will allow for expedited growth and development. The winners will be local commerce, local labor force, and the State of Maryland.

Again, the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our almost 700 member organizations representing over 40,000 employees, supports **Senate Bill 193 – Washington County – Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area**, and we respectfully ask you to vote in support of this legislation.

Please contact me at 301-739-2015, ext. 102, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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