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Bill: SENATE BILL 288 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants – Calculation
Committee: Senate – Budget & Taxation
Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Members of the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee:

On behalf of the Charles County Board of County Commissioners, I write to express our strong support for passage of Senate Bill 288, which alters the amounts of certain capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to local jurisdictions beginning in fiscal year 2027. It is critically important for Charles County that current funding levels remain in place in order to avoid the scheduled decrease in local transportation funding.

As you know, Highway User Revenue is relied upon by Charles County for important safety projects, such as road maintenance, bridge repairs, and traffic signal upgrades, that are the responsibility of the County. In fact, local jurisdictions are responsible for more than 80% of Maryland's road miles. Without a predictable revenue stream to plan for this needed work, projects may become delayed, to the detriment of our residents and visitors' safety. Passage of SB 288 will allow Charles County and other local jurisdictions to avoid the severe decline in local road funding that is scheduled to occur based upon current enacted legislation and instead retains funding levels codified to begin in fiscal year 2027.

We support Senate Bill 288 as a corrective measure to ensure local jurisdictions have the resources needed to maintain and enhance Maryland's road network.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President
County Commissioners of Charles County

cc: Charles County Delegation