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January 27, 2026

The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone  
Chair, Budget & Taxation Committee  
Senate Office Building  
3 West Miller  
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: SB288 — Transportation - Highway User Revenues Capital Grants – Calculation **SUPPORT**

Dear Honorable Guzzone,

Please accept this letter as **support** for Senate Bill 288 on behalf of the Queen Anne's County Commissioners. This legislation would authorize adjustments to certain capital grants calculated based on Highway User Revenues (HUR) beginning in fiscal year 2027 and is critical to maintaining local transportation infrastructure.

Highway User Revenues are the primary funding source for county roads and bridges. Since the program's creation, HUR reflected a shared responsibility between the State and local governments, recognizing that counties maintain the majority of Maryland's road miles. That balance has eroded over time and has never fully recovered from repeated reductions over the last 20 years.

Under current law, another sharp reduction is scheduled to occur beginning in fiscal year 2028, resulting in significant losses for counties and Baltimore City. For Queen Anne's County, these reductions would directly affect our ability to resurface roads, address bridge needs, and avoid more costly emergency repairs. These challenges come on top of existing fiscal pressures from cost shifts and unfunded mandates.

Counties do not have the authority to raise dedicated transportation revenues, and Maryland does not permit local fuel or vehicle registration taxes. Without predictable and adequate State transportation funding, local governments are left with few options to maintain safe and reliable roadways.

Senate Bill 288 provides needed stability and predictability in Highway User Revenues, allowing counties to plan responsibly, control long-term costs, and protect public safety. For these reasons, we respectfully urge a favorable recommendation.

Respectfully,

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY  
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