



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

January 16, 2026

Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair  
Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: **Support for Senate Bill 193 – Washington County – Sale and Use Tax Exemption – Target Redevelopment Area**

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County (the "Board") unanimously supports the passage of SB 193. This bill would offer a sales tax exemption for construction materials purchased for the purpose of developing Mount Aetna Technology Park ("MATP") in Washington County. It is currently being leased as agricultural land by the County. However, it is strategically located near Hagerstown Community College, Meritus Medical Center, and the new Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine. Recently, several international corporations have expressed interest in locating significant operations within MATP. This proposed bill could be the catalyst for these companies to develop and invest millions of dollars into the County and State economies.

The bill in question is narrowly tailored and would only apply to building materials purchased for construction by a company that has already committed to a substantial project in MATP. The revenue lost by the State from the sale of construction materials would be negligible in comparison to the future tax revenue generated by a research or technology company in an area of land which is currently undeveloped. SB 193 could attract a major taxpayer who will support the State for decades to come and is consistent with current the ideals of economic growth agenda.

For these reasons, the Board strongly supports the passage of SB 193 and urges the Committee to support it.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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