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Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Re: SUPPORT – HB 1503: Carroll County – District Planning Commission – Authorized

Dear Chair Valderrama and Members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

We support Senate Bill 836: Carroll County – District Planning Commission – Authorized.

HB 1503 is a local bill that **authorizes** the County Commissioners of Carroll County to establish district a planning commission(s) through local ordinance. This commission(s) would have the same powers and duties within a district as the County Planning Commission, including developing plans and regulations, holding public hearings, and submitting recommendations to the County Commissioners for approval.

This bill is enabling in nature.

It does not mandate any change but provides the County with an additional planning tool if needed. It allows flexibility to address distinct community planning needs while preserving local oversight, as all plans and regulations would remain subject to approval by the County Commissioners and administered consistent with existing land use law.

HB 1503 strengthens local authority and supports thoughtful, orderly growth.

For these reasons, we respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1503.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Krebs

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