
April 1, 2026

The Honorable Kriselda Valderrama
Chair, Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 818 – State Center – Development – Contract, Plan Requirements, and Advisory Group

Dear Chair Valderrama and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) respectfully submits the following letter of support for Senate Bill 818.

SB 818 establishes a State Center Advisory Group (Advisory Group) and defines the composition, roles and responsibilities regarding the redevelopment of State Center. MDOT appreciates the intent of the legislation and agrees that meaningful community engagement, transparency, and accountability are important components of advancing the redevelopment of this significant State asset.

MDOT has coordinated with the Department of General Services (DGS) and other partners regarding potential revisions to the bill. Those provisions include clarifications to the structure and role of the Advisory Group and help to define its participation in the project. MDOT is grateful to the sponsor for his acceptance of these clarifying amendments.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests that the committee consider this information during its deliberation and grant Senate Bill 818 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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