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Via Electronic Mail

Delegate Todd B. Morgan
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RE: HB 916 – Transportation - Regional Transportation Authorities

Delegate Morgan:

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) writes in opposition of HB 916.

While the BOCC appreciates the intent of the legislation to promote regional collaboration in transportation planning, we are concerned that this bill would limit local authority, create additional layers of bureaucracy and duplicate existing regional efforts. Calvert County, like other jurisdictions, maintains primary responsibility for building and maintaining local roadways and coordinating public transportation services and must retain appropriate decision-making authority to meet the needs of our communities.

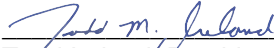
This bill does not clearly define governance or accountability for the proposed Regional Transportation Authorities, nor does it clarify how these entities would interact with counties or existing organizations such as the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and the Regional Transportation Coordination Committee. This lack of clarity raises concerns that local representation may be diminished, and that current effective collaboration could be undermined.


As drafted, HB 916 could complicate an already complex transportation planning process by adding additional layers of review and approval, potentially delaying projects and creating inefficiencies. These concerns are particularly significant for counties like Calvert that must balance limited resources while continuing to deliver essential infrastructure and services.


For these reasons, the BOCC respectfully urges the committee to consider the impacts of this legislation and requests an unfavorable report.


Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss these concerns further, please contact the County Administrator's Office

Sincerely,
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CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND


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cc: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland