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SB 867
**Economic Development – Maryland Aerospace Technology Commission-
Alterations**

COMMITTEE: Finance
POSITION: Support

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **SUPPORT** SB 867 – Economic Development – Maryland Aerospace Technology Commission – Alterations. SB 867 will enhance the effectiveness and capability of the Maryland Aerospace Technology Commission (“MATC”) by increasing the representation of each designated aerospace zone, requiring appointment of an executive director of MATC, and ensuring sufficient funding is allocated to allow MATC to cover the administrative costs and grants necessary for it to achieve its mission.

St. Mary's County is home to Naval Air Station Patuxent River, a critical county, regional, and state employer. NAS PAX is the busiest flight test center in the world and a key facility in national research and development related to naval aviation. It contributes tens of thousands of jobs to Maryland's economy. An organization like MATC supports the continued development of facilities like NAS PAX by recognizing the key economic roles they play in local communities and supporting their continued competitiveness and development. SB 867 gives MATC the tools necessary to do its work.

We urge you to **support SB 867**. Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

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