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Senate Finance Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
Annapolis, Maryland

**RE: Opposition to Senate Bill 886**

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of Cecil County Government, I respectfully submit this letter in **opposition to Senate Bill 886**.

Cecil County is concerned about the significant financial impact this legislation may have on local governments, businesses, and residents. While we support fair wages and value our workforce, a mandated increase to \$25.00 per hour would create very serious budget challenges across county operations.

The impact on our Department of Parks and Recreation is especially concerning. Seasonal and part-time staff are essential to operating youth sports, summer camps, community events, and facility rentals. Program fees would need to increase by approximately sixty-seven percent to cover staffing costs, meaning a \$40 program could rise to \$67, an \$80 program to \$133, and a \$200 program to \$333. Such increases would place many programs out of reach for families, seniors, and youth who rely on affordable recreational services.

In addition, this legislation would create wage compression across county government, requiring further salary adjustments beyond entry-level positions and adding additional financial strain.

For these reasons, Cecil County respectfully **opposes Senate Bill 886** and urges the Committee to give careful consideration to the potential impacts of this legislation on Maryland's employers, workers, and local economies.

Respectfully,

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