



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

March 10, 2026

Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair
Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **Support to Senate Bill 714 – Washington County – Mobile Food Service Facilities and Semipermanent Food Service Facilities – Toilet and Lavatory Facilities**

Dear Senator Beidle:

The Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) unanimously supports the passage of Senate Bill 714, and the relief provided by the bill to mobile and semi-permanent food service facilities. Senate Bill 714 exempts mobile and semi-permanent food service facilities located in Washington County from the lavatory and toilet requirements now mandated by state law.

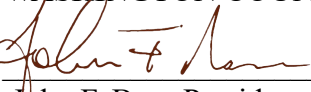
Many mobile and semi-permanent food services are small business owners operating out of a food truck or converted trailer or camper. Mobility and low fixed costs associated with not operating out of a traditional brick and mortar establishment are the hallmark of the business model and allow the owners to turn a profit with fewer overhead costs. Consistent with the business model, these mobile and semi-permanent food vendors usually do not include formal seating areas beyond a picnic table or plastic chair, obviating the need for a lavatory or toilet, on site.

Requiring an on-site lavatory and toilet is inconsistent with the business model, cuts into the entrepreneur’s profits and generally makes running a mobile or semi-permanent food service business less competitive and more cumbersome. The Board of County Commissioners champions small businesses and is an advocate for reducing costs and regulations affecting local entrepreneurs. Eliminating the mandate of an on-site lavatory for mobile and semi-permanent food services serves as a direct benefit to those small business owners and encourages business development for the benefit of both the local and state economies.

For these reasons, the Board strongly encourages a favorable report for Senate Bill 714.

Sincerely,

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By: 
John F. Barr, President