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### HB 600 - St. Mary's County - Metropolitan Commission

#### SUPPORT

February 4, 2026

The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chair  
Government, Labor and Elections Committee  
6 Bladen Street Room 145  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **HB 600 – Letter of Support**  
St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

Dear Chair Wells and Members of the Government, Labor and Elections Committee:

The Metropolitan Commission Board unanimously supports the above referenced House Bill, scheduled for hearing on February 12, 2025. We have presented the text amendments to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Delegation at a joint public meeting on October 7, 2025, and all are in full support of same.

We greatly appreciate the introduction of this Bill, which is a follow-up to the on-going efforts of our local Boards to help modernize and update our local Code. We believe that this Bill will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County, improve the readability of Chapter 113, and will provide the Metropolitan Commission with some additional flexibility and opportunity to better serve its customers. In particular, the proposed text amendments will: increase the minimum bond required for the Corporate Treasurer to reflect FDIC recommendations; replace an outdated provision to reflect current practice regarding new plans proposed outside the identified service areas of the County's local Comprehensive Water & Sewerage Plan; and update enforcement provisions to be consistent with MD Code - Public Utilities Article.

In the interim, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the remainder of the session.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Gould, *Chairman*

cc: Senator John Bailey  
Delegate Brian Crosby  
Delegate Todd Morgan  
Delegate Matthew Morgan  
Commissioners of St. Mary's County  
George A. Erichsen, Executive Director, St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission  
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