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**HB354 – Maryland Port Administration - Acquisition of Land in Anne Arundel County -
Notice of Public Hearing**

Chairwoman Wells, Vice Chair Kerr and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present HB354 – Maryland Port Administration - Acquisition of Land in Anne Arundel County - Notice of Public Hearing. This bill is the crossfile of Senator Simonaire's SB53.

This bill updates the Transportation Land acquisitions in Anne Arundel County section by adding notification to our delegation at least 2 weeks in advance of their public announcement when the Port Authority wants to acquire or develop land in our county. The Port Authority is already required to get county approval prior to acquiring land or developing it, so this will not be a hardship on them and this change does not carry a fiscal burden.

This is about transparency, collaboration and respect for our delegation. With this bill, we will avoid having community members coming up to us knowing more about a Port Authority proposal in our county than we do.

HB354 passed unanimously from the Anne Arundel Delegation and includes a letter of support from the delegation. I ask for your favorable consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nick Kipke'.

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