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The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins
Chair of the Ways & Means Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 569 – Queen Anne's County – Authorized Use of Revenues from Development Impact Fees - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wilkins and Members of the Committee,

As County Administrator for Queen Anne's County, I fully support HB 569. HB 569 is a Local bill to provide Queen Anne's County Commissioners the flexibility to use the impact fees, that they already collect, to fund a replacement school. Currently Impact fees are a one-time fee collected when a new home is built and used for new school construction that expands the school system by adding more capacity (seats).

The current need in Queen Anne's County is to replace a middle school that was built in the 1970's. The school needs to be replaced to meet current educational standards, enhance safety and security and improve technology for students. This bill would allow the use of impact fee dollars to help pay for that replacement school.

The cost of building schools and replacement schools to meet current educational requirements is fundamentally different than building schools in the 60s and 70s. Replacement schools today need to include so much more which drives up the cost, but also provides a state-of-the-art product benefiting the existing community and new growth when it occurs.

Schools in Queen Annes County built before 2000 did not benefit from impact fees funding and were totally funded by taxpayers and now they need to be replaced. Since replacement schools serve the existing community as well as new growth in the County, we believe it is fair to use impact fees to help fund replacement schools.

I ask that you support this legislation and urge a favorable report of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important local bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Mohn".

Todd Mohn, PE

County Administrator