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March 26, 2021

The Honorable Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair
Appropriations Committee
Room 121
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB563 - Local Health Departments - Funding

Delegate McIntosh,

The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County joins the Maryland Association of Counties in its support of SB563. If passed, this Bill advances the core funds for local health departments modestly in each of the next two years, and expands the areas where these core funds may be used. The new approved expenditures all relate to the proper execution of the mission of the local health department – personal protective equipment, materials needed to combat communicable diseases, and information sharing. The funding levels proposed in the bill are far from a full restoration of reductions made in years before the pandemic, but still represent an admirable and appropriate step forward given the heightened understanding of public health.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact County Administrator Julian M. Willis at 410-535-1600, ext. 2202, or County Attorney John Norris at 410-535-1600, ext. 2566. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important Bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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cc: The Honorable Senator Melony Griffith, Bill Sponsor
Calvert County Senators and Calvert County Delegation