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Via Electronic Mail

Calvert County Senators and Delegation

Re: HB84 - Transportation – Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects and Impact Assessments
(Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2025)

Senators and Delegation,

We write regarding concerns of the application of this draft legislation to rural areas, including Calvert County. This proposed legislation would mandate a multimodal transportation program to offset the increased Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) resulting from major highway capacity expansion projects. The combined VMT from the project and its associated program must be zero or less. This requirement significantly and disproportionately impacts the feasibility of rural highway projects. Implementing these multimodal offset programs and other required mitigation activities could substantially increase total project costs for major highway expansions and capital projects. Efforts to counteract increased VMT could cost hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars, depending on the strategies employed by the Maryland Department of Transportation. Alternatively, projects could face cancellation.

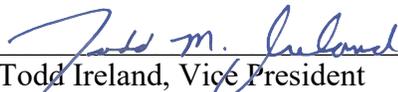
We therefore respectfully request an amendment to ensure that a balanced project funding evaluation process is necessary to ensure all communities, urban and rural, benefit equitably from state transportation investments.

Sincerely,

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