ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY



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September 24, 2019

The Honorable Matthew Morgan Maryland House of Delegates 310 House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Invest in St. Mary's Property Tax Challenge - to amend 89-320 of the *Tax - Property Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to offer commercial property owners a tax reduction

Dear Chairman Morgan:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County support the Invest In St. Mary's Property Tax Challenge request to amend 89-320 of the *Tax – Property Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* to offer commercial property owners a tax reduction for real property that is located in the County's growth areas and that has been renovated, rehabilitated or upgraded as requested by Chris Kaselemis, Director of the Department of Economic Development.

We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

James R. Guy, President

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