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: St. Mary's County - 89-512(a) of the *Local Government Article* St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act – to add authorized closed session for: investment of public funds, legal advice and to discuss cybersecurity

Dear Chairman Morgan:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County support the request to amend 89-512(a) of the *Local Government Article* of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* (St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act) to align with the state open meetings act list of authorized reasons to hold a closed session meeting to include: investment of public funds, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and to discuss cybersecurity as requested by Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator, David Weiskopf, County Attorney and Bob Kelly, Chief Financial Officer.

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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