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Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SENATE BILL 354: GARRETT COUNTY – OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX – INTEREST RATE

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners fully supports SB 354 Garrett County – Overdue Property Tax – Interest Rate. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-603 of the State Code, Garrett County may not charge an interest rate greater than one percent (1%).


The Board is requesting enabling legislation to allow the Board of County Commissioners to increase the interest rate for unpaid property tax bills to 1.50%.

The Board of County Commissioners proposed the Bill in part to encourage prompt payment of tax bills. We estimate approximately 35% of property tax bills are paid late every year. The additional interest charge will generate \$250,000 in additional income.

The Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests that the committee approve SB 354.

Thank you.

By Direction of the Board,



Kevin G. Null
County Administrator

cc: Senator George Edwards

