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The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair
House Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 131
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Kaiser:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County to express our unqualified support of **House Bill 969: Public Service Company Franchise Tax - Credit for Purchase of Maryland-Mined Coal – Extension**. The Maryland-Mined Coal Tax Credit has led to the creation and retention of thousands of jobs for both Allegany and Garrett counties. The bill will extend the Maryland-Mined Coal Tax credit for an additional ten years from its current sunset of 2021.

The State has strategically invested in a number of industries and sectors over the years to ensure growth and retention of good-paying jobs. The Maryland-Mined Coal Tax Credit has the greatest impact for Western Maryland. In addition to the employment aspect, it also allows local producers to purchase equipment and grow their operations.

In short, we are asking for your support for this measure sponsored by the Allegany and Garrett County Delegations and respectfully request a **FAVORABLE** reporting of this important measure. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jacob C. Shade, President
Board of County Commissioners