



The Honorable Maggie McIntosh, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Taylor House Office Building, Room 121
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 897 - Sports Entertainment Facilities Act of 2022

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to register my support for HB 897, which will create a \$200 million fund to promote the development of sports entertainment facilities across the state, including minor league stadiums. This companion legislation to HB 897 will ensure that Maryland is well-positioned to maintain affiliations with major league teams. Passage of this legislation will incentivize the Orioles and Ravens to renew their commitments to the state of Maryland, and will provide resources to increase the already significant economic benefits of the minor league teams to our communities. This legislation clearly demonstrates Maryland's financial commitment to our teams and their leagues in order for them to remain in the state for years to come.

For these reasons, we request a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 897.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steuart Pittman".

Steuart Pittman
County Executive