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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
Chairman
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

On behalf of the Friendship Heights Village Council, the governing body of the Village of Friendship Heights, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 0726, Transportation—Highway User Revenues—Revenue and Distribution. This bill would remove the FY 2024 sunset provision and reinstate full funding of highway user revenues to the levels that existed prior to the state diversion of funds beginning in FY 2010, when highway user revenues were cut by 96%. This legislation is a top priority for the Maryland Municipal League as well.

Legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2018 provided our current funding level for five years. While this increase was helpful, it wasn't enough, and in the face of the looming sunset provision, engaging in long-term transportation and infrastructure projects is quite challenging. We respectfully urge a favorable report for this much-needed legislation so that every member has a chance to vote on it.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COUNCIL

Melanie Rose White
Mayor