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February 8, 2024

The Honorable C. T. Wilson
The Honorable Brian M. Crosby
Economic Matters Committee
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 0468 - Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously supports HB 0468 - Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland. The Hearing on this legislation is scheduled for February 29, 2024.

It is our understanding that this legislation is establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland; requiring the Commission to make legislative, regulatory, programmatic and other recommendations by December 1, 2025 to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Our Emergency Services, Volunteer Firefighters and public safety members are all concerned on the growing use of lithium-ion batteries and the associated risks. This Commission should help educate all of us on the associated risks and opportunities and help guide our policy decisions going forward. Cecil County strongly supports this legislation.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Economic Matters Committee send a favorable report on HB 0468.

Sincerely,

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Danielle Hornberger
County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Gregory".

Jackie Gregory
President of County Council