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Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair House Economic Matters Committee House Office Building, Room 231 Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of HB 1083: County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act

Dear Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 1083 which would streamline the process for local governments considering acquiring utility-owned overhead streetlights. This legislation would provide a valuable tool for local governments to improve service on behalf of citizens by assuming ownership and maintenance of these utilities.

Howard County and other local governments are in the business of responding to constituent requests and seeking modernization and efficiencies where possible. HB 1083 would provide an additional avenue for government to provide effective and efficient service.

I urge favorable report on HB 1083.

All the Best,

Calvin Ball Howard County Executive