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Senator Delores Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Testimony **IN SUPPORT** of SB 376: County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act

Dear Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 376 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. SB 376 would provide an additional avenue for government to provide effective and efficient service.

I urge favorable report on SB 376.

All the Best,

Calvin Ball
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