



February 10, 2012

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB403 Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act - **Support**

Dear Senator Kasemeyer:

SB403 proposes an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Transportation Trust Fund to be used only for purposes relating to transportation. In addition, it would prohibit the reversion or crediting of any part of the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund of the State, and require that specified taxes, fees, charges, and revenues be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce supports SB403 as a bill that limits the manner in which the Transportation Trust Fund funds are dispersed. The bill requires the Governor to be accountable for uses outside the scope of the Trust Fund and requires a repayment plan be established prior to disbursement. This would insure the state has adequate controls over funds to be used to enhance, modify and create adequate infrastructure to promote a more favorable business climate.

Therefore, we ask that your committee give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael McMullin'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michael McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Joseph M. Getty
Delegate Susan W. Krebs