



March 26, 2013

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

Dear Chairman Kasemeyer:

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) has not taken a position on HB 1515, *Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013*. However, it would like to share the three attached documents to express MACo's views on transportation funding.

The first attachment is a broad transportation statement recently approved by MACo's Legislative Committee. The second attachment is a letter from MACo President and Wicomico County Executive Rick Pollitt that was published as a letter to the editor of the *Daily Times*. The third attachment is an amendment for the Committee's consideration.

HB 1515 severs the longstanding practice of motor fuel tax revenue being distributed in part to local governments for local road and bridge projects. The increased motor fuel taxes arising through rate indexing bypass the shared account and are directed 100% to the state trust fund. The attached amendments would simply retain the historic treatment of motor fuel taxes, and allocate them to the Gasoline Motor Vehicle Revenue Account to be distributed by statute through the existing HUR formula (currently about 10% of the total share).

Please contact me if MACo can provide additional information regarding the county perspective on transportation funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Sanderson'.

Michael Sanderson
Executive Director

Attachments

CC: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Members
Matthew Bennett, Committee Staff