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**Re: TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT: Ho. Co. 7-20 – Ho. Co. Historic Carriage House Renovation**

Dear Chair Lam and Chair Atterbeary,

I am proud to express my support for Ho. Co. 7-20, which would establish funding for the Howard County Conservancy to renovate the Carriage House building and construct a new barn to store necessary farm equipment on their Mt. Pleasant farm.

Founded in 1990, the Howard County Conservancy educates youth and adults about environmental stewardship and ecosystems. In 2003, the Conservancy signed a partnership agreement with the Howard County Public Schools System to provide educational programming to Howard County youth. The requested bond initiative funds the conversion of the farm's Carriage House building into an improved educational programming site and the construction of a new barn to properly house heavy farming equipment.

In 2018, more than 23,000 children and adults participated in Howard County Conservancy programs. This capital construction project will allow the Conservancy additional programming space and enhance the quality of learning about the environment our community has come to appreciate.

I urge your support for Ho. Co. 7-20.

All the Best,

Calvin Ball  
Howard County Executive