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Maryland Stadium Authority - Letter of Support

DA03 - SB 361 (HB 351) Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2024, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Capital Budget Subcommittee

The Honorable, Chair, Senator Craig Zucker

The Honorable, Vice Chair, Senator Cory McCray

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

House Appropriations Committee

Capital Budget Subcommittee

The Honorable, Chair, Mark Chang

The Honorable, Vice Chair, Jazz Lewis

Monday, February 12, 2024

Written Testimony

Gary McGuigan, Executive Vice President, Maryland Stadium Authority

Good afternoon Chairs, Vice Chairs and honorable members of the Capital Budget Subcommittees, I am Gary McGuigan, Executive Vice President of the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) and I appreciate the opportunity to provide this written Letter of Support to concur with the recommendations of Maryland Stadium Authority - Letter of Support SB 361 (HB 351) Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2024, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 specifically DA03 regarding the Department of Legislative Services Annapolis State Government Complex replacement project.

In March 2019, the MSA Board of Directors approved a request from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House to manage all aspects, including procurement of professional services and all phases of planning and design, of the renovation and/or replacement of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) building and connected underground tunnels located in the Annapolis State Government Complex.

The highly visible project is located on Lawyers Mall between Government House,

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the official residence of the Governor, the State House and nearby Senate and House offices. The original building space and configuration could no longer support the growing staff needs in addition to the challenges of maintaining facility equipment / infrastructure that was beyond its useful life. Demolition of the DLS building structure to grade was completed in October 2022 with demolition to building foundations completed by March 2023. In September, MSA's project partner, the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, hosted a topping out ceremony. In building construction, a topping out is traditionally held when the last beam (or its equivalent) is ceremonially placed atop a structure during its construction. We were delighted that State leadership joined us for the momentous occasion.

MSA has hosted virtual meetings with updates and publishes monthly community newsletters to keep neighbors informed. MSA's work takes place during normal business hours and is expected to be completed in December 2024.

SB 361 / HB 351 (2024) provides \$18,539,000 in funds necessary to continue the construction of a new DLS Building, provided that notwithstanding Section 6 of this Act, work may continue on this project prior to the appropriation of all funds necessary to complete this project.

For the reasons expressed in this letter, MSA concurs with the recommendation for SB 361 / HB 351 (2024) for DA03 to provide funds to complete construction and equipping of a new Department of Legislative Services building and would be glad to answer any questions.