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**Senate Bill 712
State-Owned Nursing Homes – Deficiencies, Citations and Fines – Reporting
Requirements**

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

February 6, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Beidle:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS SB 712- State-Owned Nursing Homes – Deficiencies, Citations and Fines – Reporting Requirements** which is being heard in the Finance Committee. The Commissioners of St. Mary's County request that SB 712 be amended to require that "*the local governing body in which the nursing home is located*" be added to the list to whom a deficiency or enforcement action is reported. Currently SB 712 language states that the deficiency or enforcement action would be given to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the members of the General Assembly who represent the district in which the nursing home is located.

We **support with amendments SB 712** and request a favorable report. We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe it will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


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