

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
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September 24, 2019

The Honorable Matthew Morgan  
Maryland House of Delegates  
310 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: St. Mary's County - to repeal St. Mary's County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program –  
Installment Purchase Agreement Authority**

Dear Chairman Morgan:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County support the request to repeal Chapter 526, Sections 1-8 of the 2005 Session Laws of the General Assembly of Maryland – Agricultural Land Preservation Program – Installment Purchase Agreement Authority as requested by Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer. \$20 million of General Obligation Authority was enacted to provide authority to provide installment loans for Agricultural Land Preservation. The program was never developed or used and authority for this purpose is not needed. Sections 1-8 of Chapter 526/HB 140 (from the 2005 Session of the Maryland General Assembly) are considered “uncodified law” and we are requesting that those sections be repealed. Section 9 (27-11 of the Public Local Laws) is to remain intact.

We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe this legislation 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

James R. Guy, President

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