



# CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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October 18, 2004

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The Honorable Thomas Dernoga, Chairman  
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20002-4290

Dear Mr. Dernoga:

Calvert County wishes to express concern about the proposed Bylaw changes presented to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) on September 22, 2004. While we agree with most of the changes, we disagree with the deletion of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCC) from the Bylaws.

Calvert County recognizes and supports appropriate updates to the MWAQC Bylaws to reflect current conditions and issues when this process is conducted in a fair and thorough way. The current Bylaw language regarding Calvert County and TCC were written, however, after intensive negotiation and discussion with Maryland State officials and the elected officials in Calvert and Charles Counties, including the County Commissioners, State Senators and Delegates. The TCC has been an active and productive participant in MWAQC and the Council of Governments (COG) and TCC is expected to remain an important and positive force in regional air quality and transportation planning. Calvert County supports TCC's continued participation in MWAQC and feels strongly that the language currently in place in the Bylaws referencing TCC should be retained (Section 3 and Section 8.3).

Calvert County is also opposed to the proposed amendment to Section 10.3 of the Bylaws, which makes reference to "contributions, if any, from local governments represented on MWAQC, but not members of COG." This amendment would require Calvert County to financially support COG. Calvert County is not a member of COG and has historically not contributed financially to the running of COG. Calvert County is only included in MWAQC because of commuting patterns, and not because we are a heavy contributor to air pollution. We believe the proposed fees to be unjust and strongly recommend that the new language not be adopted.

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As a member of MWAQC, Calvert County recognizes the challenges facing the region in our effort to move forward with transportation planning programs while protecting and improving air quality. Along with the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, Calvert County's participation in and commitment to the region's air quality planning remains strong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Allman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

James J. Allman  
County Administrator

cc: Eugene Lauer, Charles County Administrator  
David Jenkins, Tri-County Council  
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