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September 27, 2016

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
State House, H-107  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Re: Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016

Dear President Miller:

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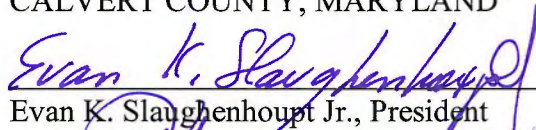
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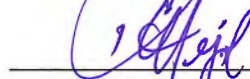
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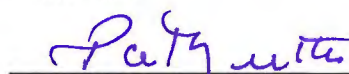
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The Honorable Stephen M. Waugh  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016

Dear Senator Waugh:

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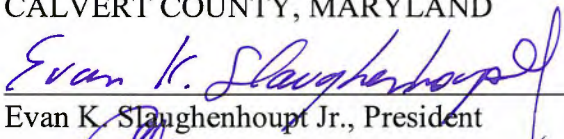
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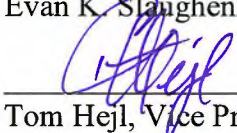
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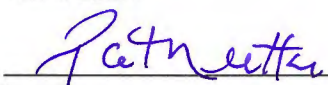
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Delegate Mark N. Fisher  
House Office Building, Room 202  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016

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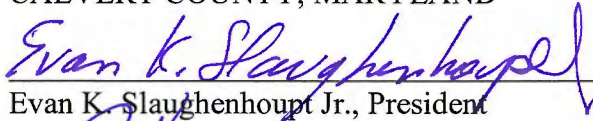
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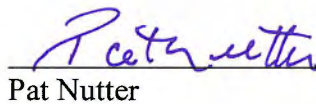
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House Office Building, Room 204  
6 Bladen Street  
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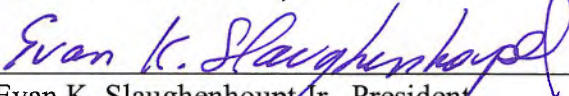
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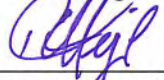
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