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Colesville, MD 20904
February 20, 2011

Wayes and Means Committee
Attn: Sheila Hixson, Chair
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB121. *The Lorraine Sheehan Health and Community Services Act of 2011*

Dear Chairman Hixson:

The Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF)* membership voted on February 14, 2011 to support House Bill 121 to raise the alcoholic beverage tax but wants the funds to be applied to the General Fund rather than a specific purpose. While the work done by the Developmental Disability Administration is important, we feel that the legislature needs the flexibility each year to decide the amount that should be used for all worthy efforts undertaken by the state.

MCCF urges the legislature to enact Bill HB121 with the change to apply the funds to the General Fund.

.Sincerely,

Daniel L. Wilhelm
MCCF Vice President and Legislative Committee Chair

Cc: Montgomery County Delegation

* MCCF is a coalition of citizens' associations and other groups from throughout Montgomery County.