

Senate Budget and Tax, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committees  
Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

House Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees  
House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Testimony in Support of House Bill 1300 and Senate Bill 1000, "The Blueprint for Maryland's Future"

February 17th, 2020

Dear Elected Officials:

I strongly support House Bill 1300/Senate Bill 1000, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, proposing to create a world-class pre-k-12 public school system in Maryland.

I am the CEO of Brightview Senior Living, a Baltimore-based developer and operator of senior living communities in Maryland and seven other states in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast. In total, we employ over 4,400 people, of whom 1,895 reside in Maryland and, because we are growing and continuing to develop new communities, we are creating new jobs and hiring all the time.

The greatest challenge we face in our business is finding enough qualified people to fill the jobs we have. Having a high-quality education as a foundation for our future workforce is absolutely essential to the success of our business and the overall economic stability in our State. That is why we so strongly support the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (the Kirwan recommendations).

For the future of our state, it is critical that we pass and fund the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

For these reasons, I urge the committees to issue a favorable report for House Bill 1300 and Senate Bill 1000.

Regards,



Marilynn Duker  
Chief Executive Officer

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