February 19, 2020

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee Room 241 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401 The Honorable Anne Kaiser Chair, House Ways and Means Committee Room 131 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 331 – Public Schools – Medical Cannabis – Guidelines for Administration to Students – SUPPORT

Dear Madam Chairs:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support for **HB 331 – Public Schools** – **Medical Cannabis – Guidelines for Administration to Students.**

As introduced, this legislation will require the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to jointly develop guidelines for public schools on the administration of medical cannabis during school hours and school-sponsored after-school activities to students who are qualifying patients. By December 1, 2020, MSDE and the commission must provide specified technical assistance to schools and develop a process to monitor the implementation of the guidelines.

This legislation will move forward the formation of guidelines that can legally and safely direct the administration of medication that can bring hope and pain relief when no other avenue exists.

Conner and I both share the honor of being residents of Harford County and a part of the Havre de Grace High School family. Our school Motto is "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve".

Your **FAVORABLE** vote on this legislation will serve as an avenue of hope and comfort for those such as Connor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barry Glassman

Harford County Executive