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The Hon. Anne R. Kaiser, Chair House Ways and Means Committee House Office Building, Room 131 Annapolis, MD 21401

> RE: HB 692 Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation Letter of Support

Dear Chairperson Kaiser:

The County Council of Cecil County unanimously supports HB 692 Cecil County – Board of Education – Member Terms and Compensation, which is scheduled for a committee hearing on February 10, 2021.

This legislation increases the number of terms that members of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve from two terms of 4 years to three terms of 4 years. The Bill also raises board members' compensation from \$4,000 to \$5,500 for the Board President and from \$3,500 to \$5,000 for other board members.

This Bill impacts Cecil County only. Having board members to serve an additional term keeps members who are well experienced. In addition, the current compensation for Cecil County Board of Education members is among the lowest in the State. If this Bill does not pass, board members will continue to be able to serve for two terms and continue to receive a lower compensation for their very important service to public schools.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Ways and Means Committee to consider a favorable report on HB 692.

Sincerely yours;

Robert Meffley **Council President**

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