

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 1060
Position: Support

Dear Chairwoman Kaiser:

My name is Ian Herd and I serve as the 27th Student Member on the Charles County Board of Education. I write in support of HB 1060. For the past 5 years, I have been involved in Student Government and seen time and time again the invaluable feedback and perspective student leaders are able to bring to the decision making process.

I understand this bill has many components, but as a representative of Charles County's youth, the inclusion of Student Member voting rights for future Student Members on the Board of Education will not only invigorate civic engagement among youth, but allow for the improvement of the democratic processes within Charles County for years to come.

I, and the 27,000 students I serve, hope the committee will affirm the value of student voice, student leadership, and youth engagement. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ian Herd
Student Member
Charles County Board of Education