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Maryland Senate and House of Delegate Members 6-11 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of HB 725 / SB 506: Children – Therapeutic Child Care Program – Funding

Members of the Maryland Senate's Education, Health and Environment Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 members and join the Maryland Family Network in our full support for HB 725 / SB 506 in support of the needs of children with disabilities who experience developmental delays across the state of Maryland and received services via a Therapeutic Child Care Program.

This bill would work to provide specialized child care and early childhood education service providers with money and resources needed to provide services children under the age of 6. And with the resources outlined within HB 725 / SB 506 help more children prepare for school, help to promote improved health, while enhancing the overall development of basic and necessary life skills.

We would like to see this kind of support system needs to be baked into the recipe of health and developmental support programs as we move forward with the care of ALL of our children. Especially for those that experience developmental delays, or those children who have disabilities.

Maryland children need these types of support programs to be in place, and enhanced, as we help them build toward a brighter future, and improved outcomes for all children, and especially those with disabilities.

Please support HB 725 / SB 506 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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