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Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Attention Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair

Elev8 Baltimore submits this letter of support for ***Senate Bill 870: Baltimore City Youth Data Hub - Establishment***. Elev8 Baltimore partners with schools, families and the community to ensure that every student is prepared for high school, college career and life by providing out-of-school time opportunities, school-based health services, and resources, support and outreach for the families we serve.

Senate Bill 870 establishes the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub, an integrated, electronic data management system that links data about youth from any provider to promote the well-being of youth and improve access to and cost-efficiency of youth programs.

Though Baltimore's youth receive services from multiple public agencies and nonprofits, the lack of information-sharing between providers prevents Baltimore from strategically, effectively, and equitably designing programs that meet the needs of young people. The Baltimore Youth Data Hub will bring allied stakeholders, including communities, providers, policymakers and researchers, into a partnership that will inform policy decisions and program design and better address the diverse needs of the community.

As such, Elev8 Baltimore urges the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee to give Senate Bill 870 a favorable report.

In Service,

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