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Maryland Senate
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Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 112: State Finance & Procurement - Grants - Prompt Payment Requirement

Members of the Maryland Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members and support our local non-profits that fill necessary roles in our non-profit support and services networks. We fully support SB 112 requiring on-time state grant payments, to state of Maryland grant recipients.

This bill supports the financial stability of the programs that so many of our families rely upon for a variety of services, and programming. These organizations and their financial struggles caused by delays in grant payments, negatively impact them, and many families in our advocacy network.

Many of these non-profit organizations fill vital roles not being met by state or local agencies. Non-profits are providing vital supports, programming and services to communities that might otherwise go without them. These programs impact a variety of communities including; Black, Brown, Disabled, Non-English Speakers, Veterans and Non-Veterans alike.

And in these early days of the early implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's future, their services are something that all of us with school aged children, and local school districts will be relying on even more heavily. They need their grants to be paid on time and with fidelity

The future of Maryland's interlocking support service networks lies with its non-profit organizations. And the future success of all Maryland families that rely on these networks and its service providers need your support with providing greater financial stability for these organizations. Please support and protect their short & long term financial stability, so they can continue their important work of serving families that need their services, today and into the future of the implementation of Maryland's Blueprint law. We ask the committee to please support Senate Bill 211.

Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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