

## Written Testimony in Support of SB0892 – Funding for Public Charter School Facilities

Thank you, Chairpersons and Committee members,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for Frederick Classical Charter School to express our fervent support for Senate Bill SB0892. This critical legislation addresses the pressing issue of facilities funding for public charter schools, a matter that significantly impacts the ability of schools like ours to provide a high-quality education.

Frederick Classical Charter School has consistently demonstrated academic excellence despite facing budgeting challenges due to a lower per pupil allocation compared to traditional public schools. As the Treasurer, I am acutely aware of the strain this places on our ability to maintain and improve our facilities adequately.

The current reality forces us to divert valuable resources and energy towards identifying creative ways to fundraise for facilities. While we are committed to providing the best possible educational experience for our students, these efforts should ideally be channeled into enhancing classroom experiences rather than funding bricks and mortar. SB0892 presents an opportunity to alleviate this financial burden and redirect our focus to what truly matters – investing in the academic success and well-being of our students.

As a Treasurer, I understand the delicate balance of managing budgets and allocating resources effectively. SB0892 not only addresses the immediate need for facilities funding but also recognizes the long-term impact on the quality of education we can deliver. By supporting this bill, you are not only endorsing financial relief for public charter schools but also endorsing a strategic investment in the future of our children.

It is crucial to emphasize that the essence of our efforts should be concentrated on the classroom, not on the struggle to secure funding for facilities. Public charter schools, like Frederick Classical Charter School, play a vital role in our educational system, and their success depends on equitable access to resources.

I urge you to consider the impact of SB0892 from a financial perspective, recognizing the importance of relieving the budgetary constraints that hinder our ability to provide the best possible education for our students. By supporting this bill, you contribute to the enhancement of educational opportunities and outcomes for countless students who rely on public charter schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I implore you to stand with us, recognizing the importance of funding public charter school facilities through SB0892 and ensuring that our resources are directed towards nurturing the minds of our students.

Sincerely,

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