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**Testimony of Senator Arthur Ellis in Support of Senate Bill 163: Charles County Public Library –
Imagination Library Program - Funding**

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

Senate Bill 163, Charles County Public Library – Imagination Library Program – Funding, is a reintroduction from the 2022 legislative session. During the 2022 session, this bill passed the Senate, but unfortunately did not pass the House.

This bill authorizes the Charles County Public Library to partner with an Imagination Library Program to provide free books to children up to 5 years of age and requires the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2026 through 2035 an appropriation of \$2.10 for each child registered in the Program for each month that the child is registered in the Program.

I urge your favorable report on Senate Bill 163.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur Ellis".

Arthur Ellis – District 28