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Maryland Senate  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD. 21401

**In Support of SB 859 / HB 1163: DORS Funding**

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

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 plus members fully support our teens and adults with disabilities within our communities and what SB 859 / HB 1163 might do to support them.

I too am the parent of a child with multiple challenges and disabilities. I am a member of Parent Advocacy Consortium, and we advocate for children like my son, and other individuals with disabilities that require time, resources and support to help them build their areas of major life skills in the ways that works best for them, as individuals.

Just like the development of major life skills, it is extremely important to preserve and increase the funding for programs like DORS. Without this training many of our children would be unable to work toward goals of career training, driving and living an independent life.

Please return a favorable report and support SB 859 / HB 1163.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our testimony here today.

Respectfully,

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