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

Thank you, Chairpersons and Committee Members, for allowing me the opportunity to testify in favor of SB0892. I am writing to you as a concerned parent and advocate for the students, teachers, and families of public charter schools, specifically in support of Senate Bill SB0892. My name is Gabrielle Cowgill, and my child is a student at Frederick Classical Charter School in Maryland.

Frederick Classical Charter School, despite being recognized as the #1 charter school for elementary and #2 for middle school in the state, faces a significant challenge that hampers its ability to provide the best possible education for its students – the lack of facilities funding. As a parent, I have witnessed the detrimental impacts this funding shortfall has had on the learning environment, the dedicated teachers, and the families as a whole.

It is crucial to acknowledge that public charter schools are an integral part of our public education system, serving diverse communities and providing innovative educational options for our children. However, the current disparity in funding for facilities places an unfair burden on these schools and compromises the quality of education they can offer.

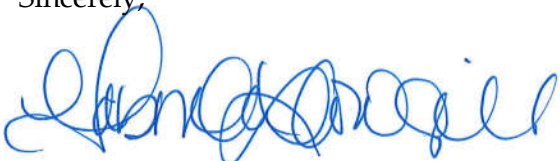
SB0892 represents a vital step towards rectifying this issue by allocating much-needed funds for public charter school facilities. By supporting this bill, we acknowledge that public charter schools, like Frederick Classical Charter School, are not just alternative institutions; they are an essential component of our educational landscape. The lack of facilities funding not only undermines the potential for academic excellence but also adversely affects the well-being of students, their families, and the dedicated educators who strive to make a difference.

Frederick Classical Charter School's exceptional rankings are a testament to the hard work and commitment of its teachers, administrators, and students. Imagine the remarkable achievements our schools could attain with adequate facilities funding. Our children deserve an environment that fosters learning, creativity, and growth, and SB0892 is a crucial step in ensuring they have access to the resources they need.

As a parent, I urge you to consider the long-term impact of supporting SB0892. By providing facilities funding for public charter schools, we invest in the future of our children and empower educators to continue delivering quality education. Let us bridge the funding gap and ensure that every child, regardless of the type of public school they attend, has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I implore you to stand with parents, students, and educators in supporting SB0892, a bill that will make a profound difference in the lives of countless children across our state.

Sincerely,



Gabrielle Cowgill