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**TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL SB#/1102 – FAVORABLE
Education – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Alterations**

TO: Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins and members of the Ways and Means Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of CROSSOVER BILL SB#1102, Education – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Alterations

This bill is an attempt to add to the Blueprint for Education a new planning and development component. It also gives more flexibility to the Accountability and Implementation Board in the conduct to independent evaluations. The bill further strengthens how education is delivered and by whom with support from the state. Finally it recognizes that we need to be more intentional in how we fund and create the prekindergarten expansion and the timeline for accomplishing it under the Blueprint for Education.

The Blueprint for Education is a forward-looking groundbreaking attempt to create a world class educational system for Maryland. As the Blueprint has been implemented, we have discovered things we can do better and how to respond more effectively to financial challenges associated with the Blueprint implementation.

This bill will apply those lessons learned to better position Maryland in Blueprint implementation and more effective personnel applicability. The future of making the Blueprint work effectively requires adaptability of lessons learned to conducting that implementation.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report and pass CROSSOVER BILL SB1102.