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TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL HB1441 – FAVORABLE
Early Childhood Education - Publicly Funded Prekindergarten Programs – Alterations

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment 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 HB1441, Early Childhood Education - Publicly Funded Prekindergarten Programs - Alterations

This bill is an attempt to add to the Blueprint for Education a set of new pathways to achieving the prekindergarten component of that blueprint. As the Blueprint implementation phase proceeds forward-thinking on space for the program, staffing of the program, and educator progression and career advancement are refinements we can and should make in pursuit of the blueprint goals.

This bill is an acknowledgement that the progress on the Blueprint for Education must take into account the roadblocks and challenges to implementation through creative thinking and problem solving..

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 HB1441.