

Written Testimony for **HB 689**: Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Use of Reimbursement Funds by Schools - Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Ways & Means Committee:

This bill reads: “...“PROVIDER” MEANS A SCHOOL AUDIOLOGIST, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, AND ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO PROVIDES SERVICES TO A STUDENT IN A SCHOOL SETTING...AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL OR A COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL USE REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE: ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR PROVIDERS...”

It is not fair to take “...FUNDS RECEIVED BY AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, OR A COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN A SCHOOL SETTING TO AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE MARYLAND CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM...” and use those funds earmarked for specific individual students and use those funds “...TO PROVIDE...ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR PROVIDERS...” within our school systems. Those funds should be used directly for specific services for the specific individual students that the funds were earmarked for. Nothing else.

Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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