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for Maryland's children, youth and families**

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**SUPPORT – HB1058 - Youth Delinquency Prevention Fund - Establishment**

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **HB1058 - Youth Delinquency Prevention Fund - Establishment** to provide grants to community-based programs that provide services for youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol use prevention, and youth development.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct community needs assessments and address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. We work closely to address youth involved in the juvenile justice system. We welcome the opportunity for more dollars for community based services that divert our youth from the criminal justice system. However the dollars suggested to support this fund make a very small pot that we believe should be a lot more robust if we are really to change the trajectory for youth.

**Nonetheless, we urge you to support HB1058 - Youth Delinquency Prevention Fund - Establishment** to invest in youth and to provide more grant opportunities to address youth delinquency.

Sincerely,

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